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WINTER JOURNEY, PART 1
冬の旅路①

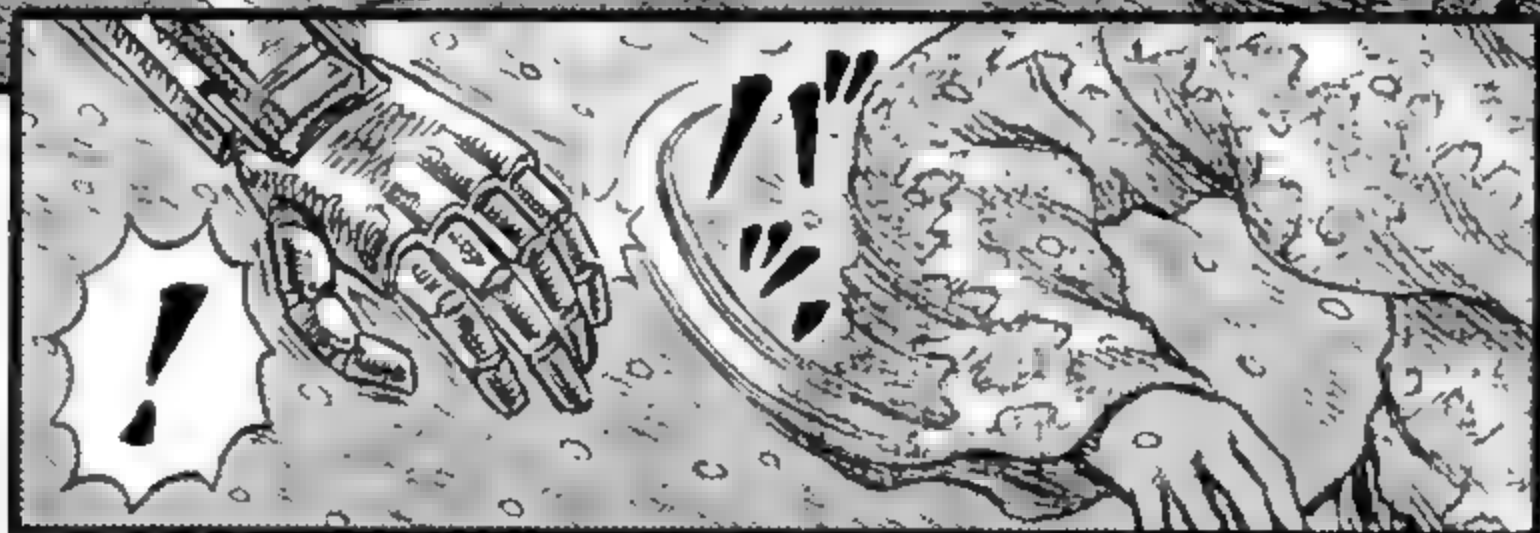
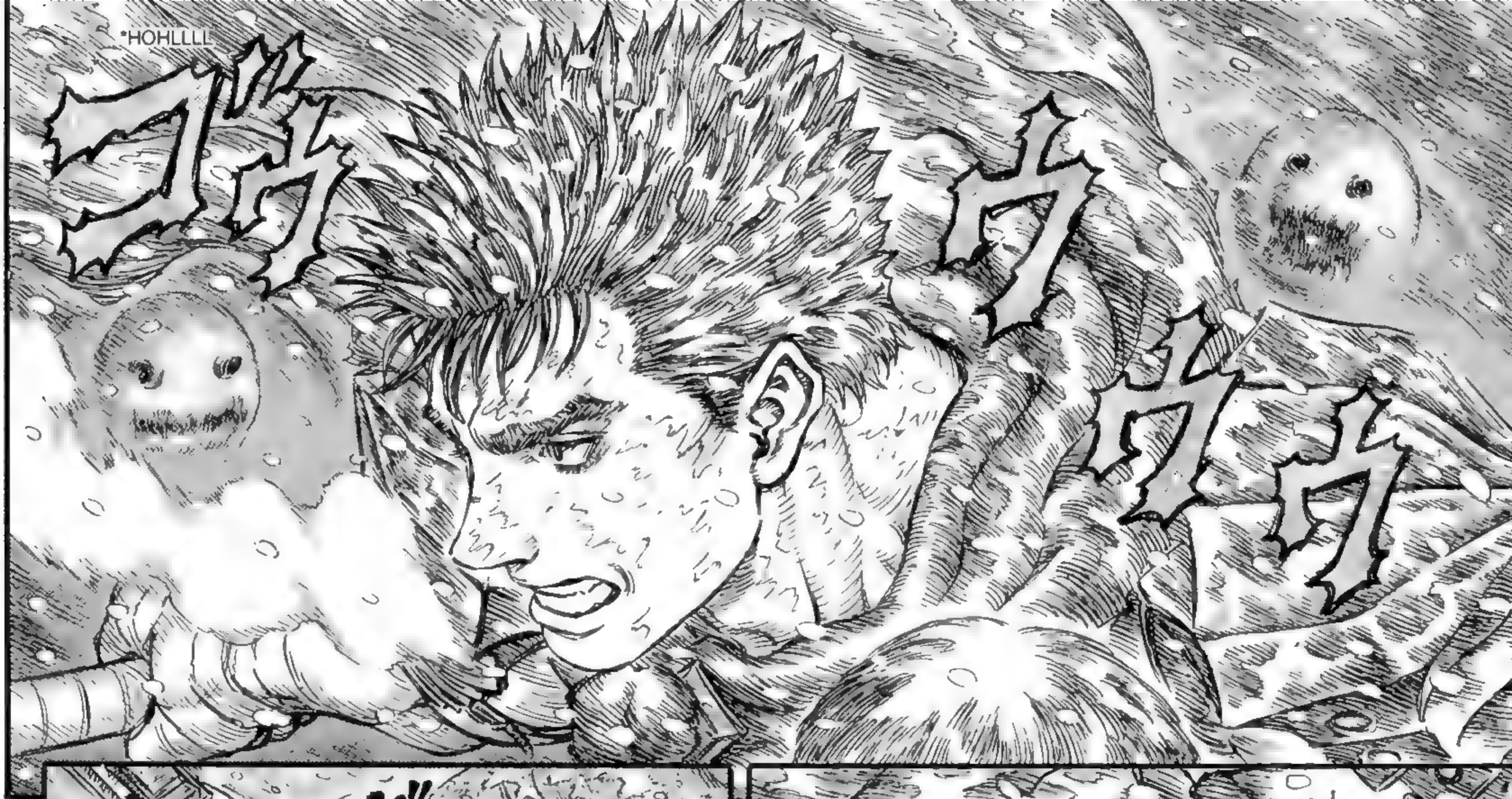
*HYEWWWWW

*FX: FMM

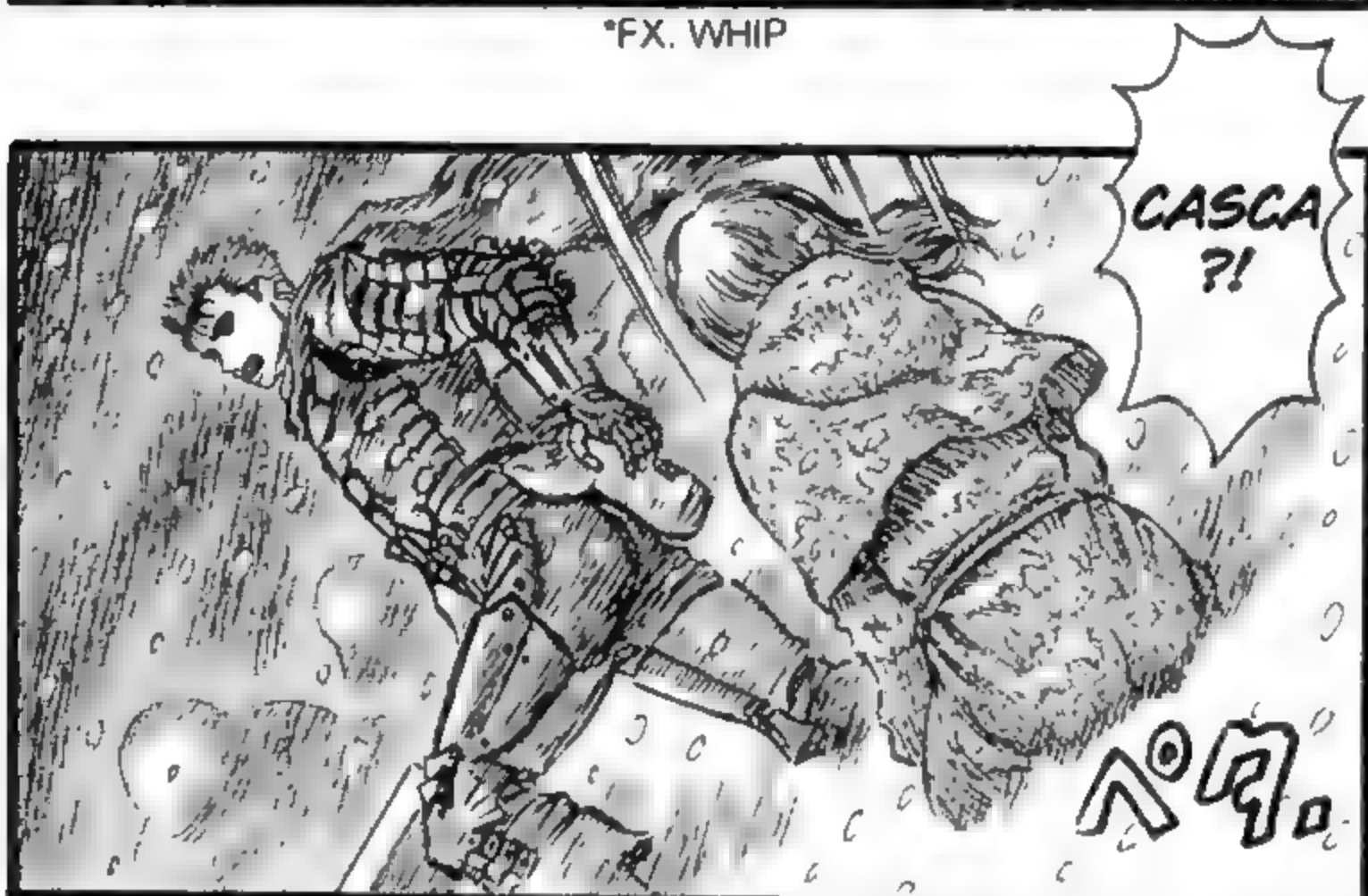
*FX: HYNN

*FX: BLOK BLOK





*FX. WHIP

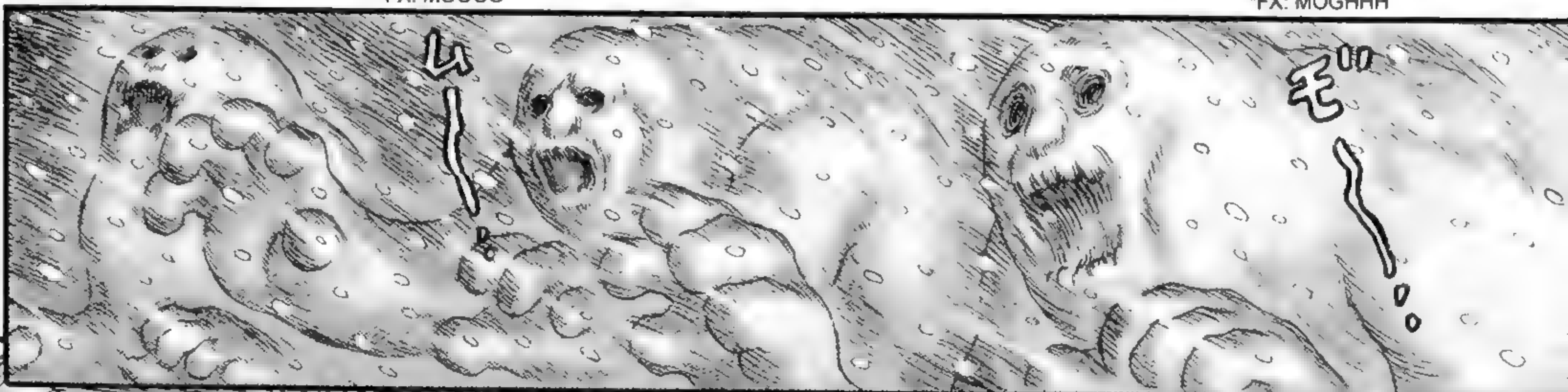


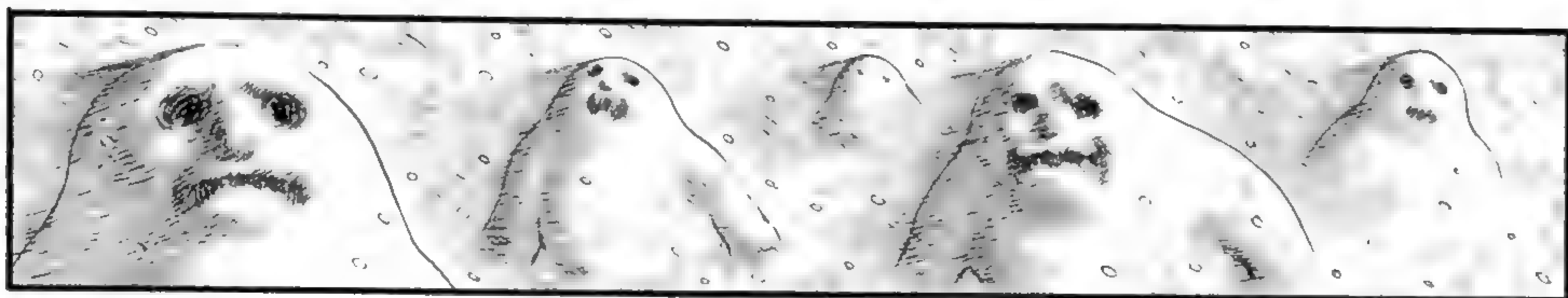
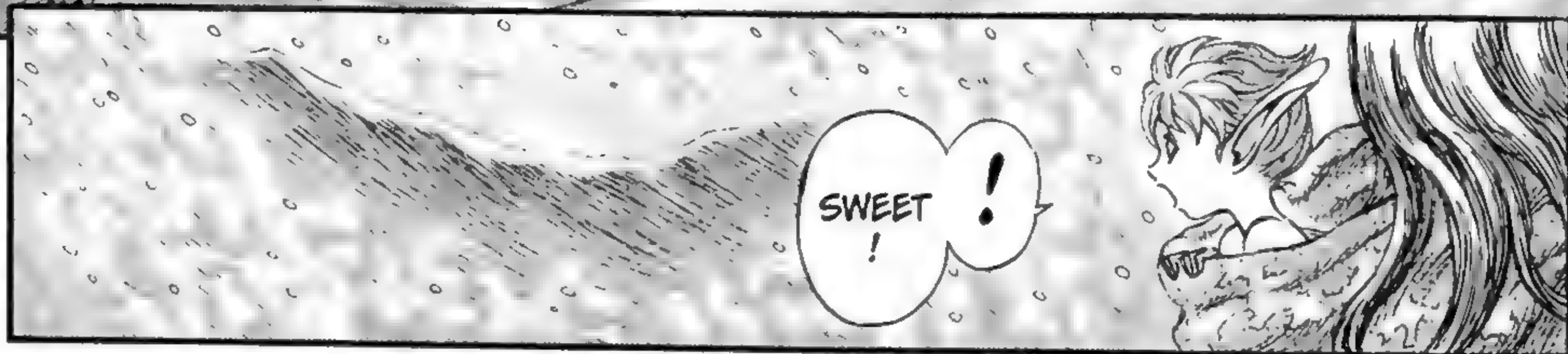
*FX: PLOP



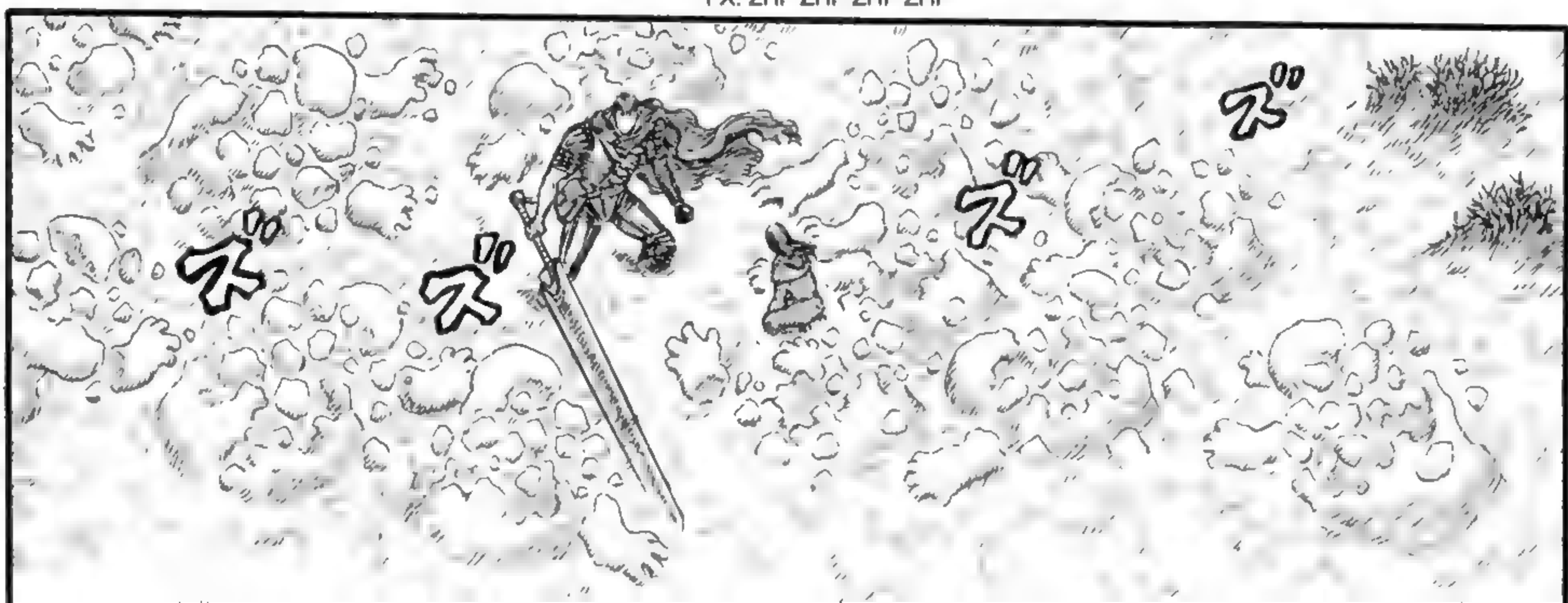
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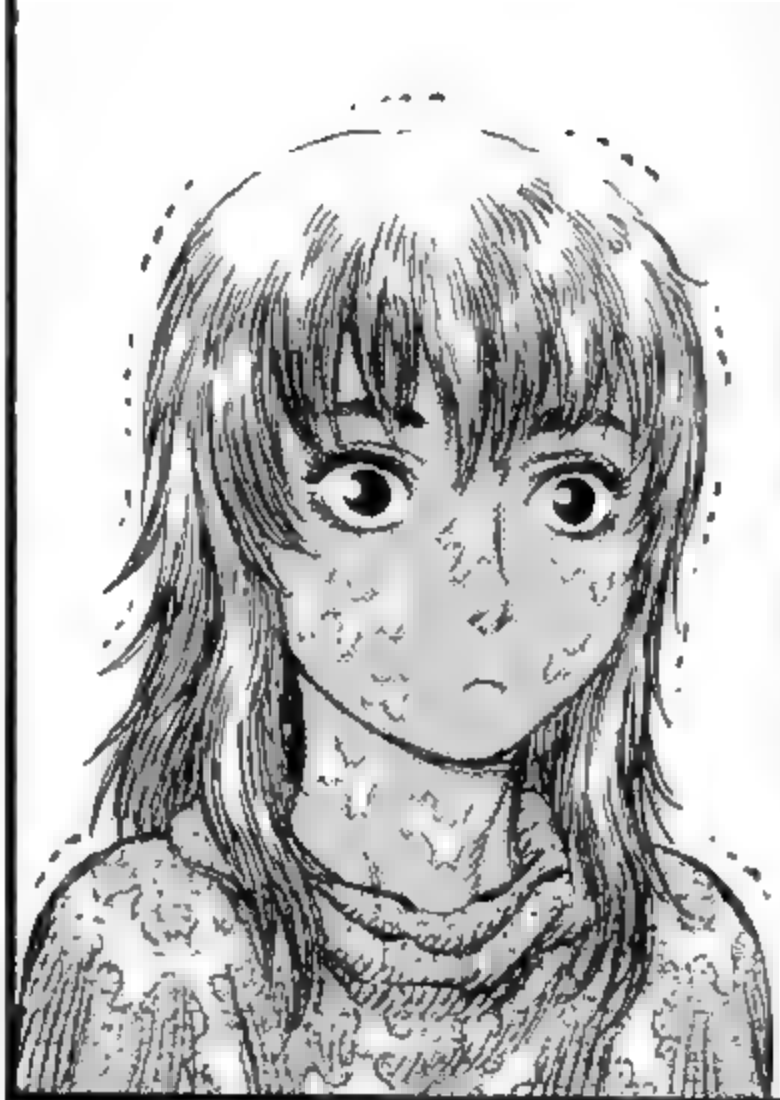
*FX: MOGHHH





*FX: ZHF ZHF ZHF ZHF





*FX: SSSSS





SHE
ATE YOUR
SHARE
TOO,
GLITS!

ハ?
ハ?

*FX: OMP OMP



CLIT AH!
THAT
OUT!



BUT IF YOU
DON'T EAT,
YOU CAN'T
KEEP UP YOUR
STRENGTH.

FINE.

YOU'RE
SWINGIN' YOUR
SWORD AROUND
FROM DUSK
'TIL DAWN EVEN
ON GOOD
DAYS.

*FX: MNCH MNCH



AND LATELY
THERE'VE BEEN
SWARMS A'
EVIL SPIRITS
AND INCUBI.

IT'S
ACTUALLY
HARDER
THAN I
THOUGHT
IT'D BE...



...CONSTANTLY
WIELDING
MY SWORD
WHILE
WATCHING
OVER
SOMEONE.





...OF ALL
THOSE DAYS
AND HOW
THEY WERE
SHATTERED.



...IS HOW
THIS
SHADOW
OF WHO
YOU USED
TO BE
KEEPS
REMINING
ME...



NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D SEE
GUTS THIS
HEROIC...

QUITE
SHOCKIN'.



PLUCK.

WHAT KIND
OF PLACE
IS YOUR
HOMELAND?



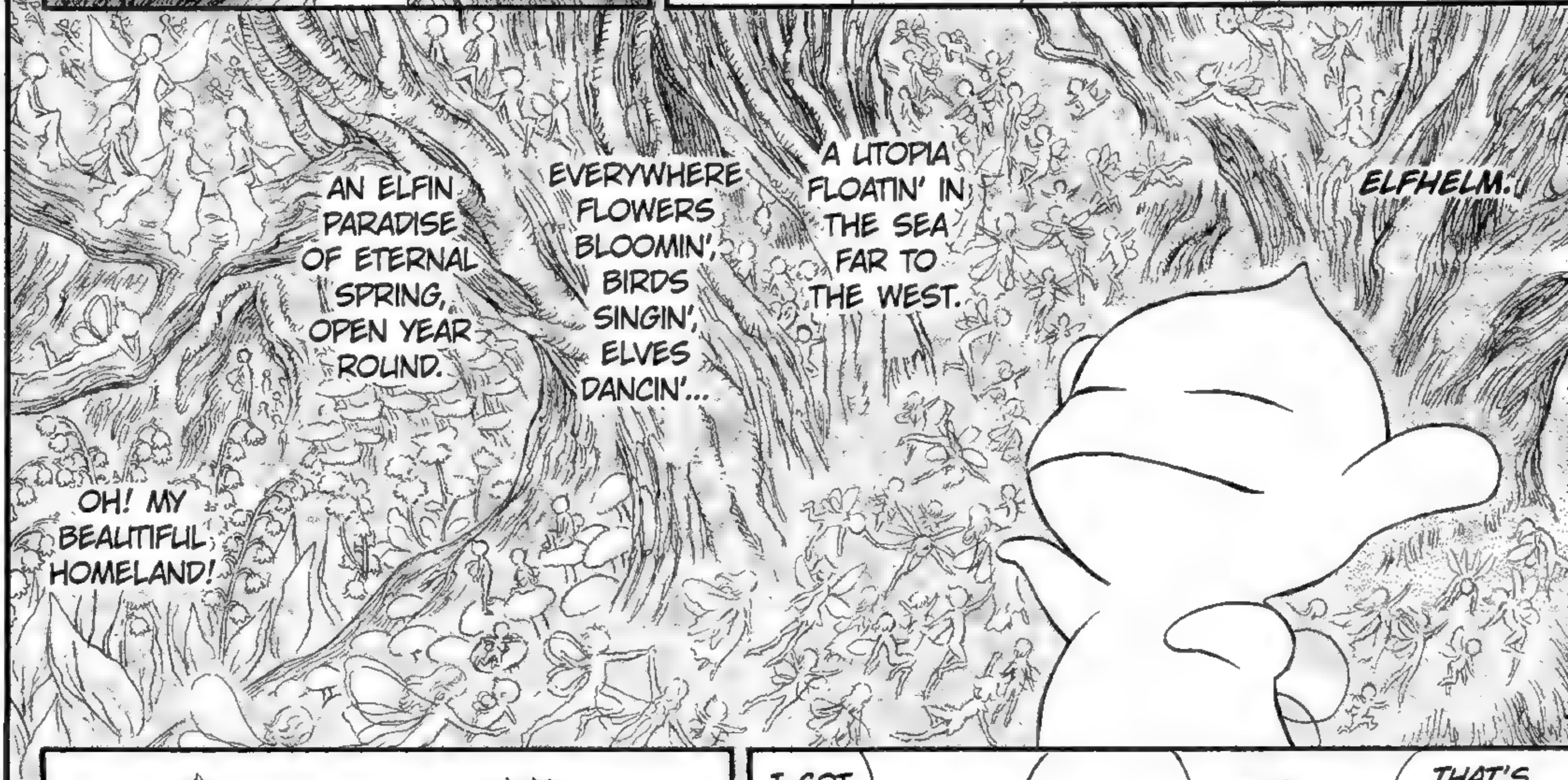
...IT'S A
GREAT
PLACE.

WELL,
Y'SEE
...



...SPREADING
HIMSELF
TOO THIN?

BUT I
WONDER
IF HE'S...



AN ELFIN
PARADISE
OF ETERNAL
SPRING,
OPEN YEAR
ROUND.

EVERYWHERE
FLOWERS
BLOOMIN',
BIRDS
SINGIN',
ELVES
DANCIN'...

A LUTOPIA
FLOATIN' IN
THE SEA
FAR TO
THE WEST.

ELFHelm.

OH! MY
BEAUTIFUL
HOMELAND!



.....



I GOT
BORED.

IF IT'S SO
DREAMY,
WHY'D
YOU EVER
LEAVE?

THAT'S
NOT
REALLY
WHAT I
MEANT.



RIGHT NOW
I HAVE TO
CLING TO
ANY HOPE,
HOWEVER
SMALL.

*FX: FWUMP



...I'D
EVER BE
RELYING
ON HIM?

WHO
KNEW...



*FX: POK



YOU SHOULD
SLEEP A
LITTLE TOO,
GUTS, BEFORE
NIGHT FALLS.

DON'T WORRY,
I'LL PIPE UP
IF ANYTHING
HAPPENS.

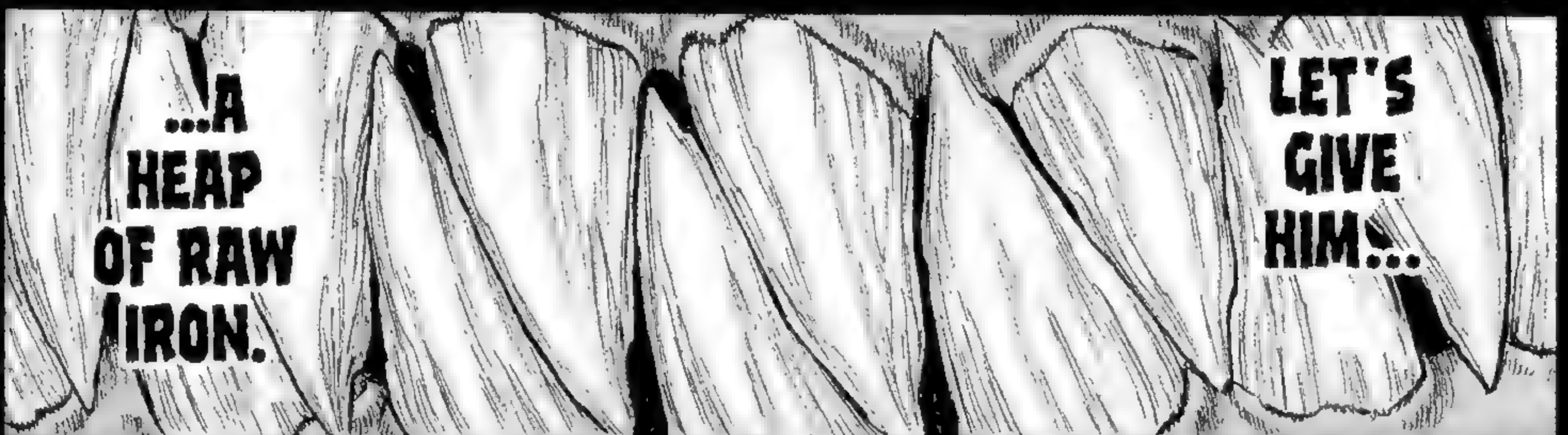
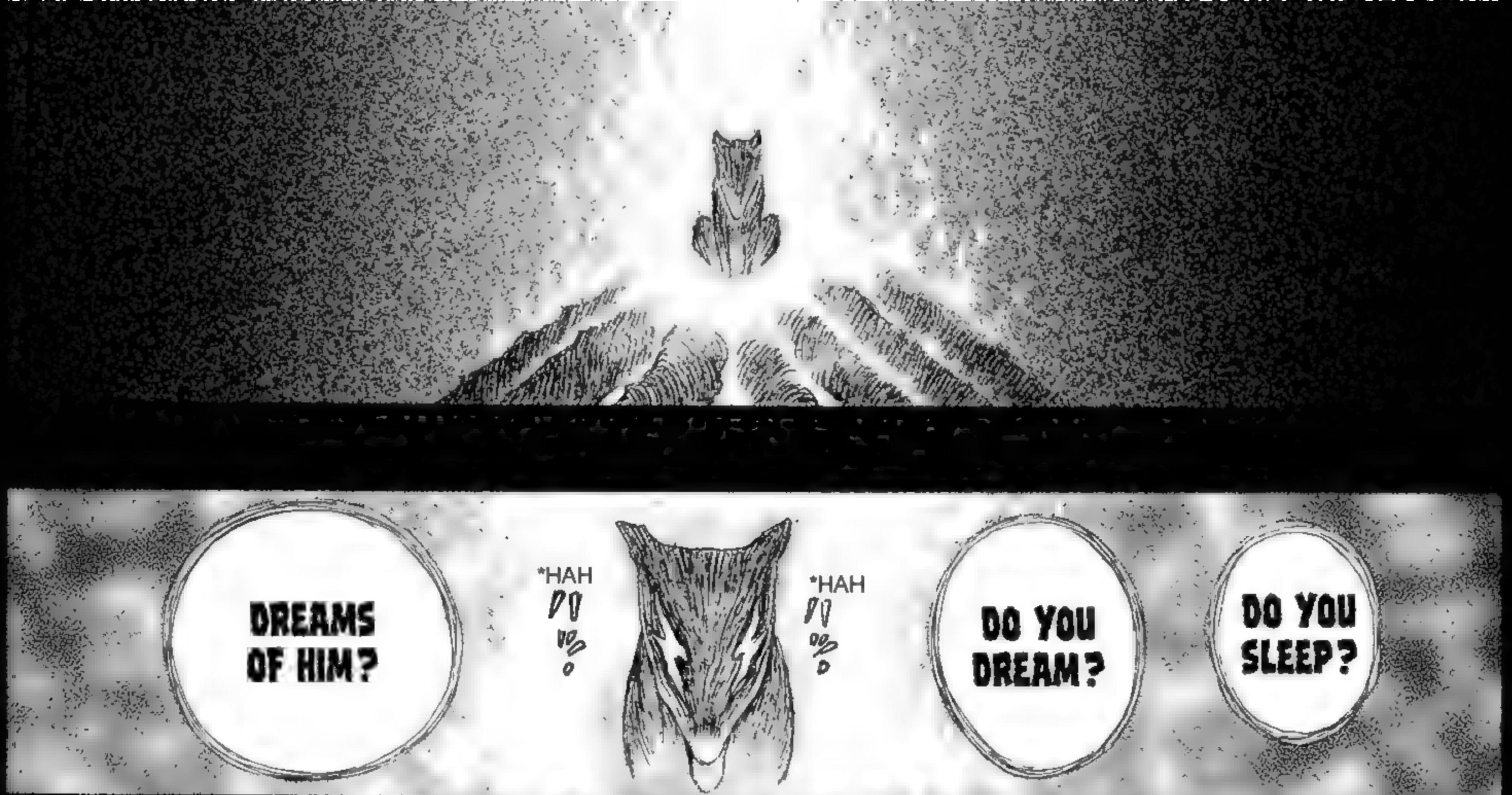


ROGER!

I'M
COUNTIN'
ON YOU.

THANKS,
I THINK
I WILL.

*FWIT





**MORE
SO THAN
GRIFFITH
?**

***HAH
HAH**



**AND
YET SHE'S
PRECIOUS
?**

**SOMEONE
ELSE.**

**JUST A
HUSK.**

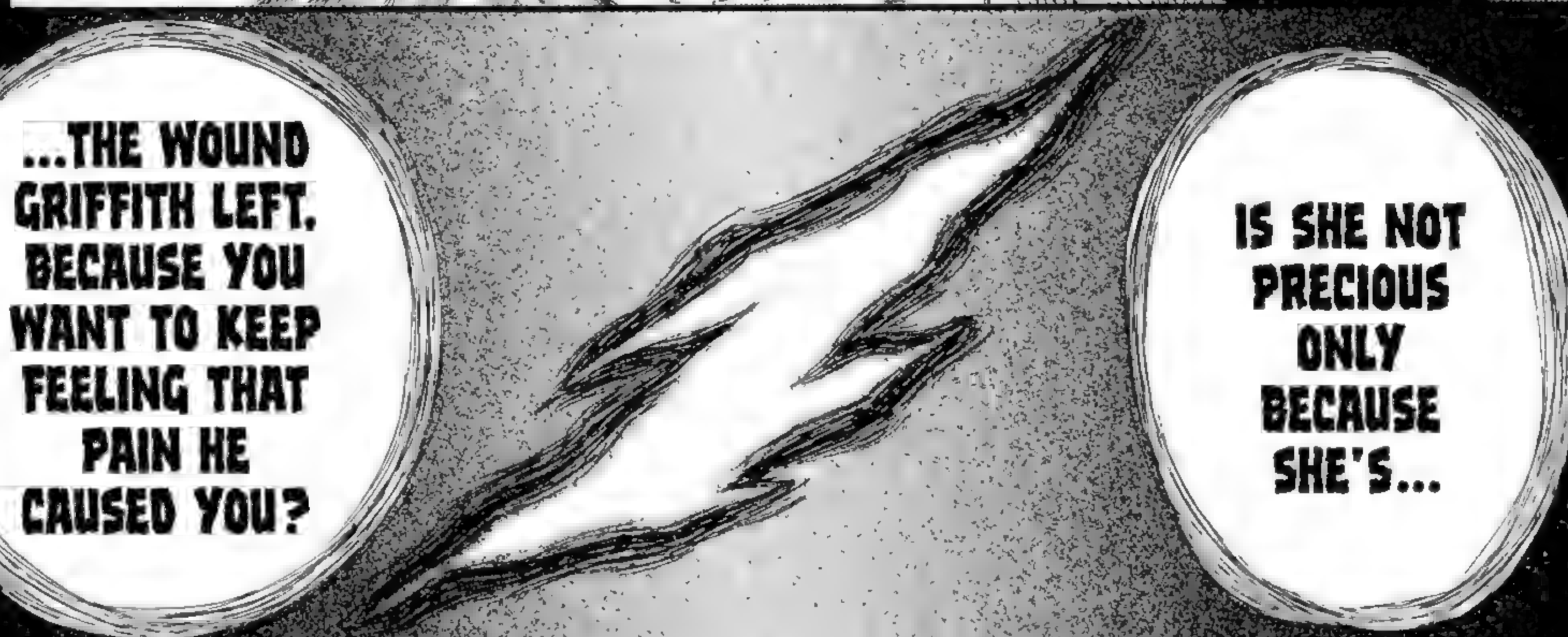
**SHE'S NO
LONGER THE
WARRIOR
YOU KNEW.**



**OF THIS
WOMAN,
EVEN
NOW?**

**YOU CAN
CONTINUE
THINKING
OF HER?**

**OF HER
ALONE?**



**...THE WOUND
GRIFFITH LEFT.
BECAUSE YOU
WANT TO KEEP
FEELING THAT
PAIN HE
CAUSED YOU?**

**IS SHE NOT
PRECIOUS
ONLY
BECAUSE
SHE'S...**



**IF SHE'S A
SACRIFICE,
THERE'S
A BETTER
USE FOR
HER.**

**GO
AWAY...**



**SHE'S A
SACRIFICE SO
YOU CAN
CONTINUE
LONGING FOR
GRIFFITH.**





**...YOU'LL GET
CLOSER AND
CLOSER TO
GRIFFITH.**

**IF YOU
JUST DO
THIS...**

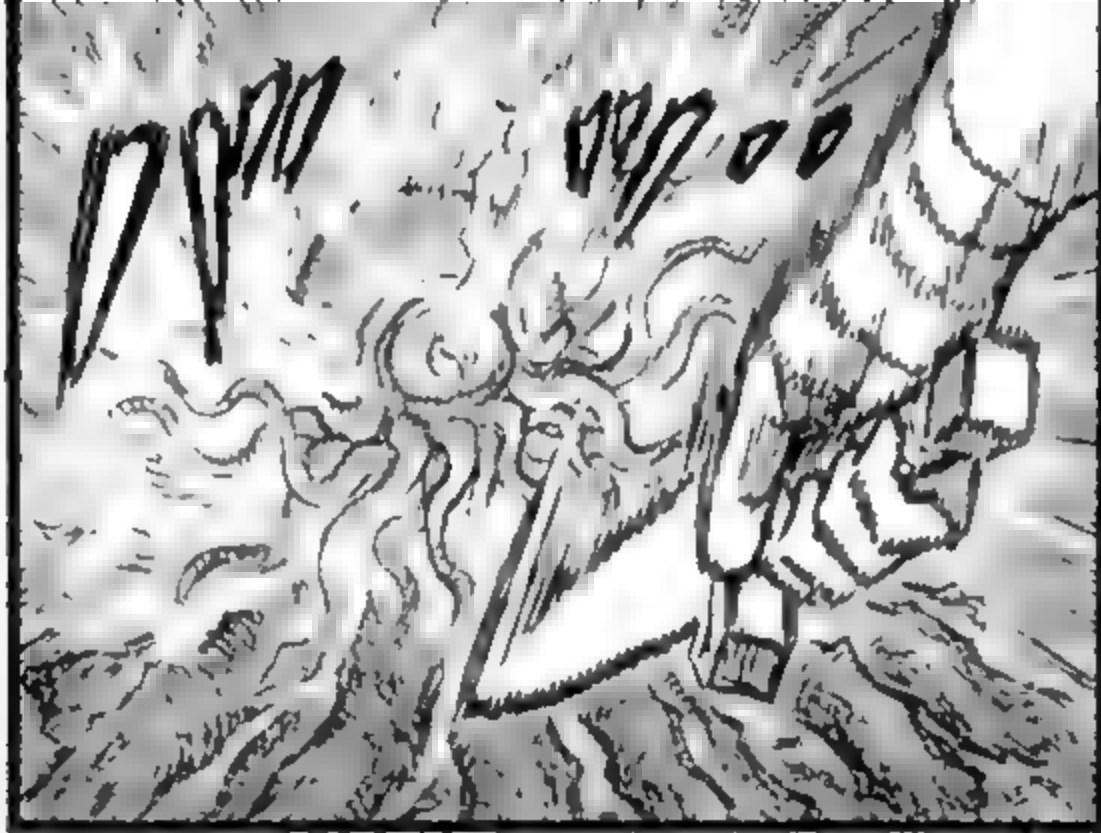


**STOP
IT!**



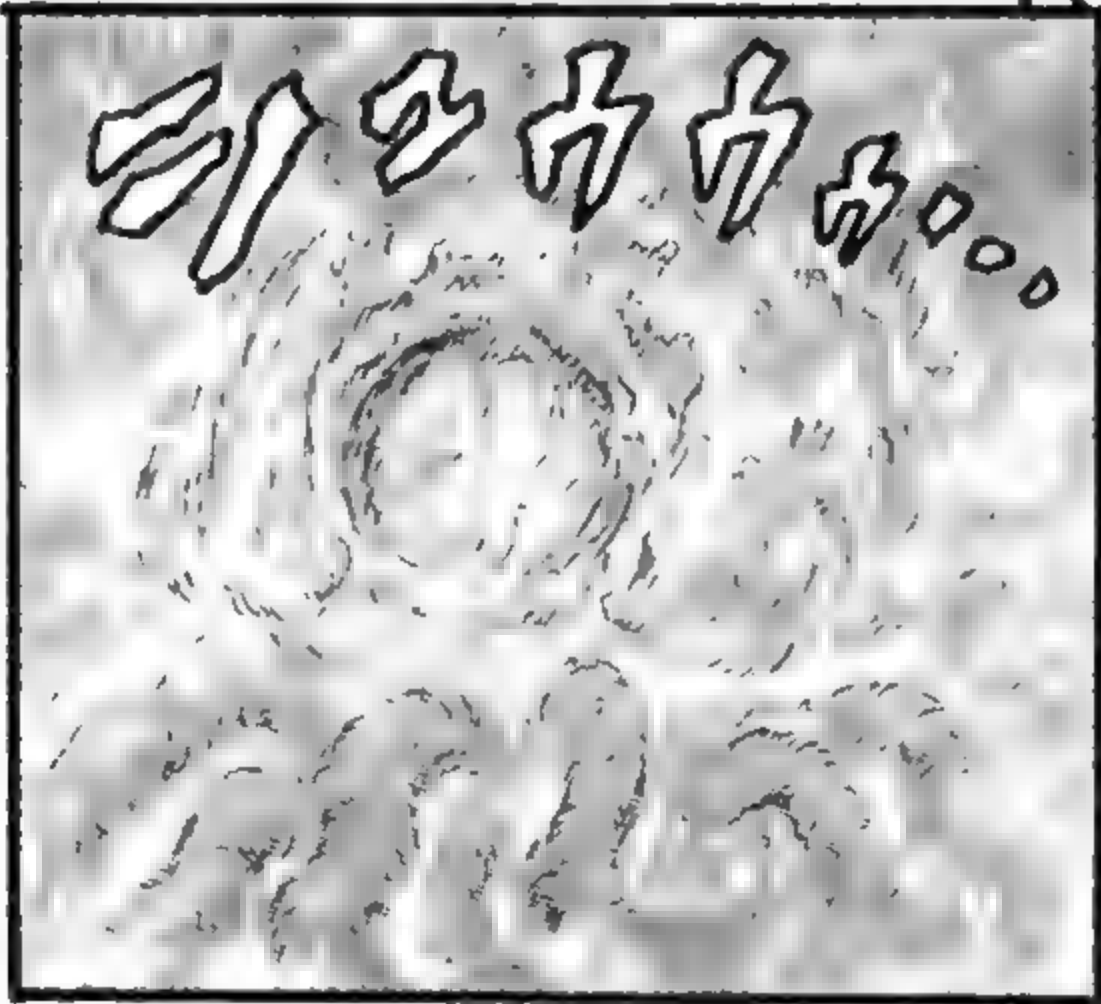
**...DESIRE
THIS.**

YOU...

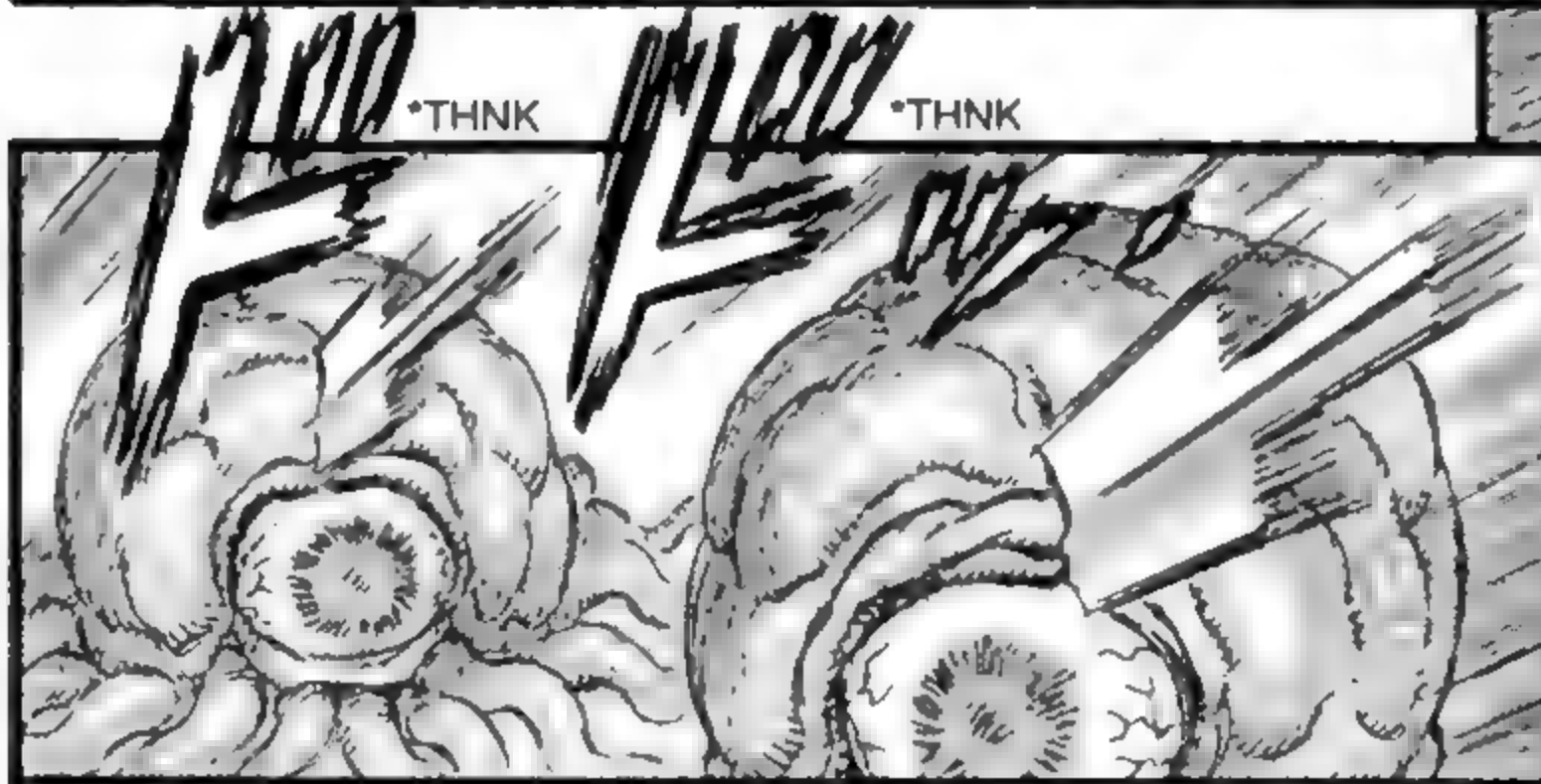
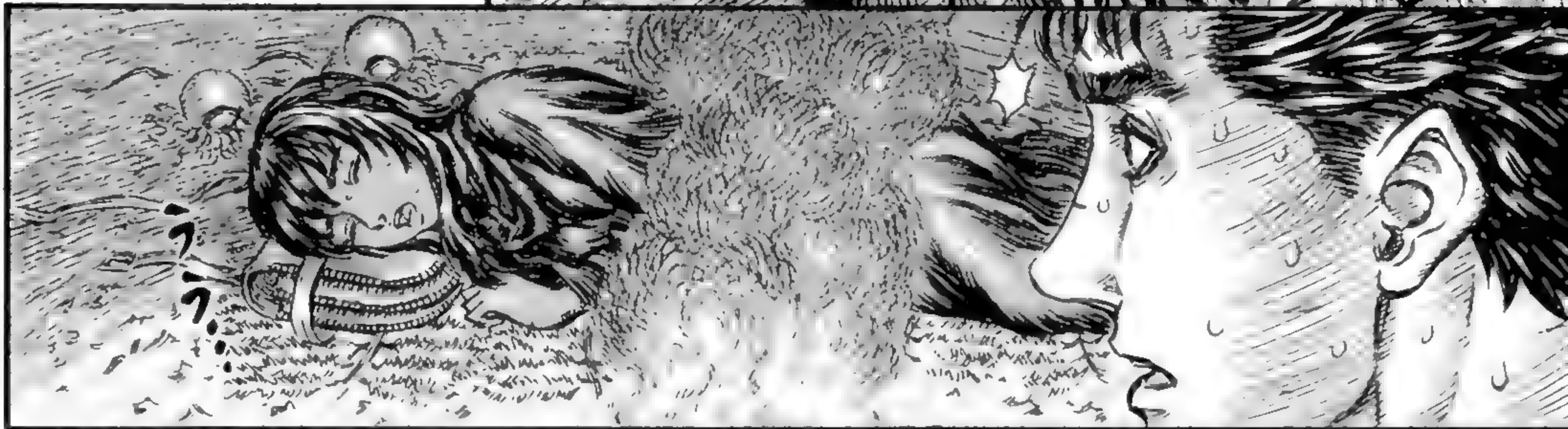


*FX: FLING

*FX: SSSSSS

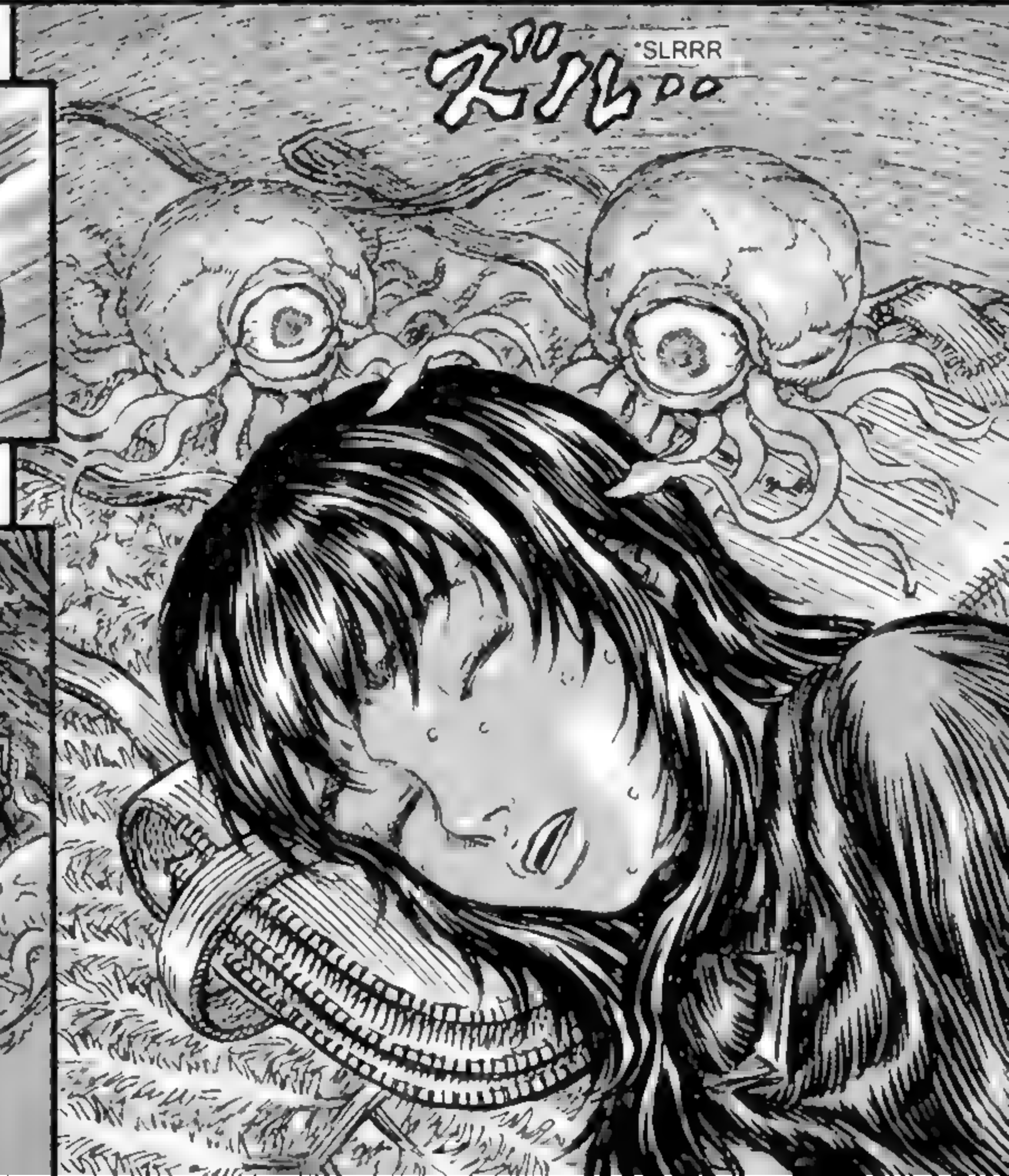


*FX: OOO



*THNK

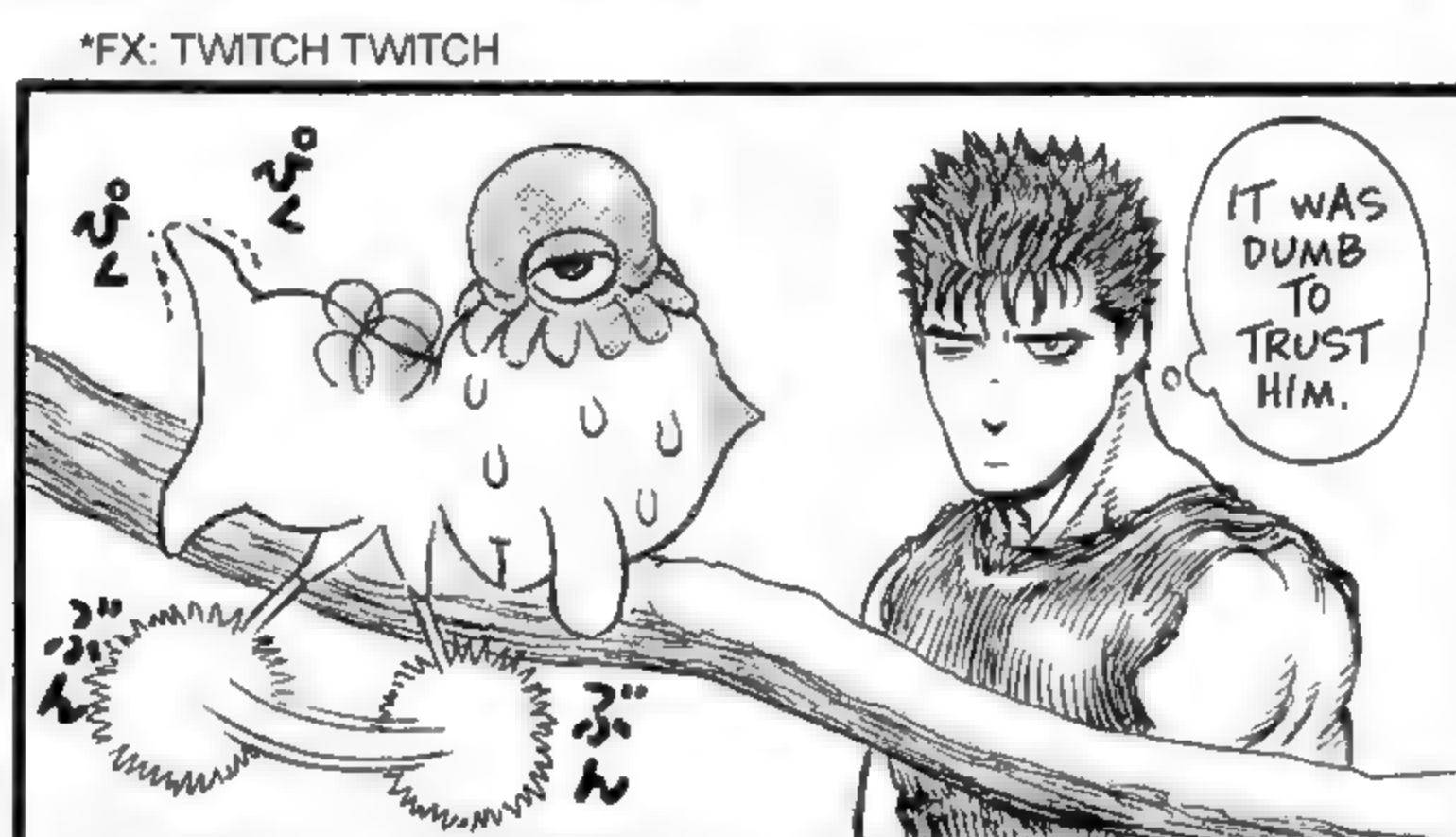
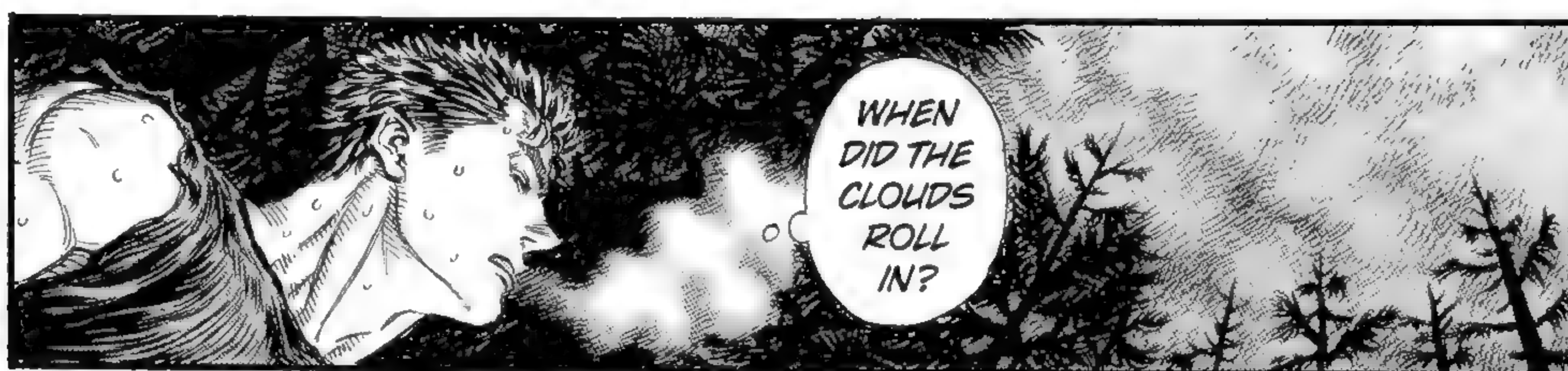
*THNK



*SLRRR

*FX: BLOPP TWITCH TWITCH







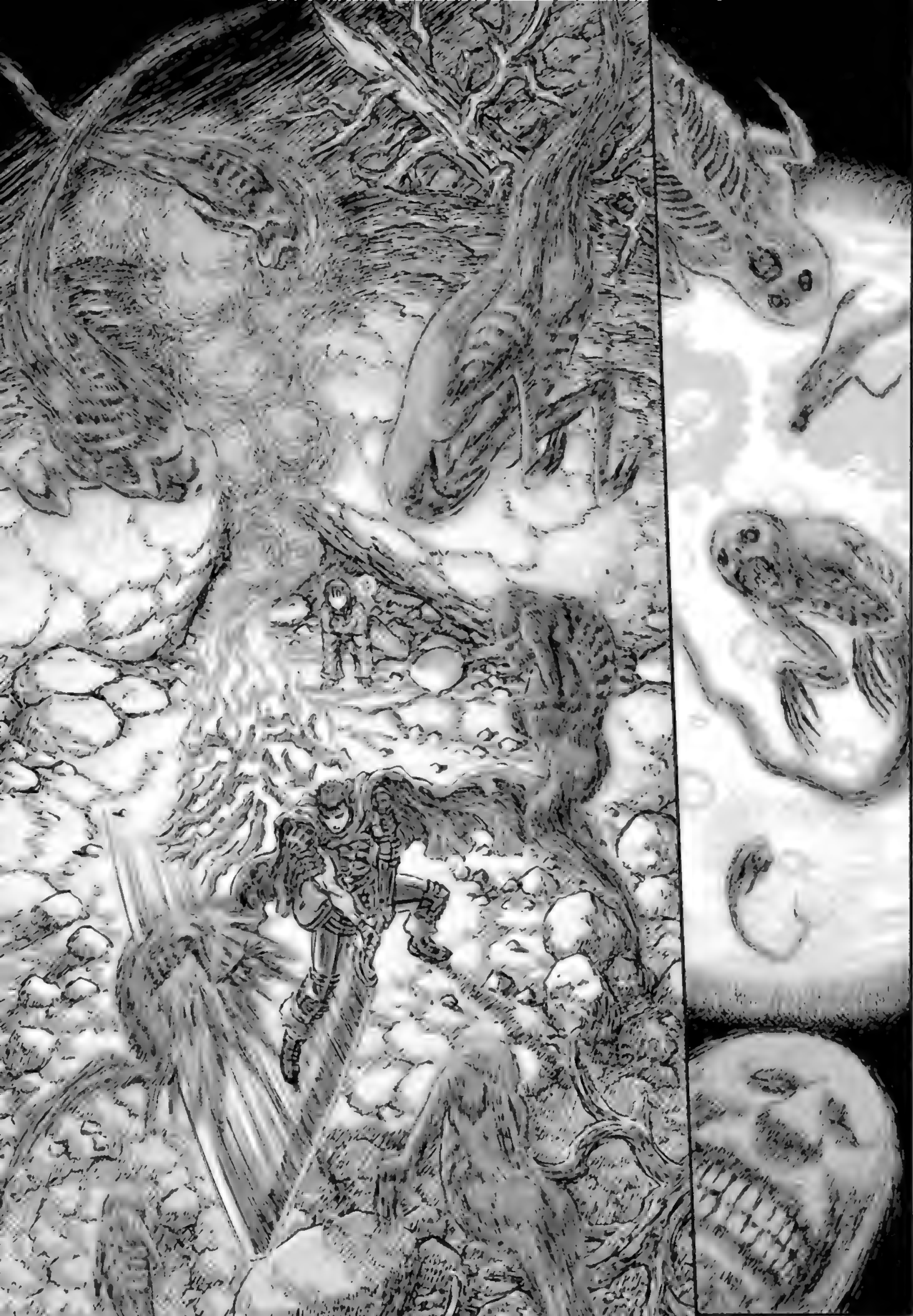
...COULD
EVER BE.

AS IF
THAT...



AS IF...

WINTER JOURNEY (1): END



WINTER JOURNEY, PART 2

冬の旅路②

*BISSH

*SHAP



DAWN'S
AROUND THE
CORNER!

KICK
SOME
BUTT!

Y'KNOW,
GLTS' BEEN
A LITTLE
ODD LATELY.
LIKE HE'S
MORE
SERIOUS,
KINDA...







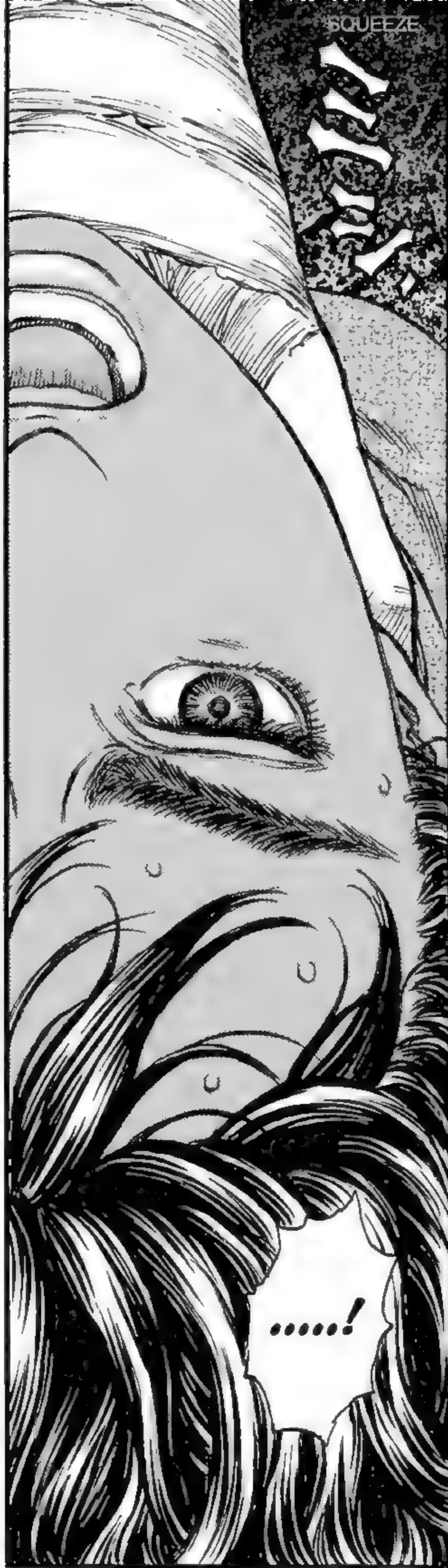
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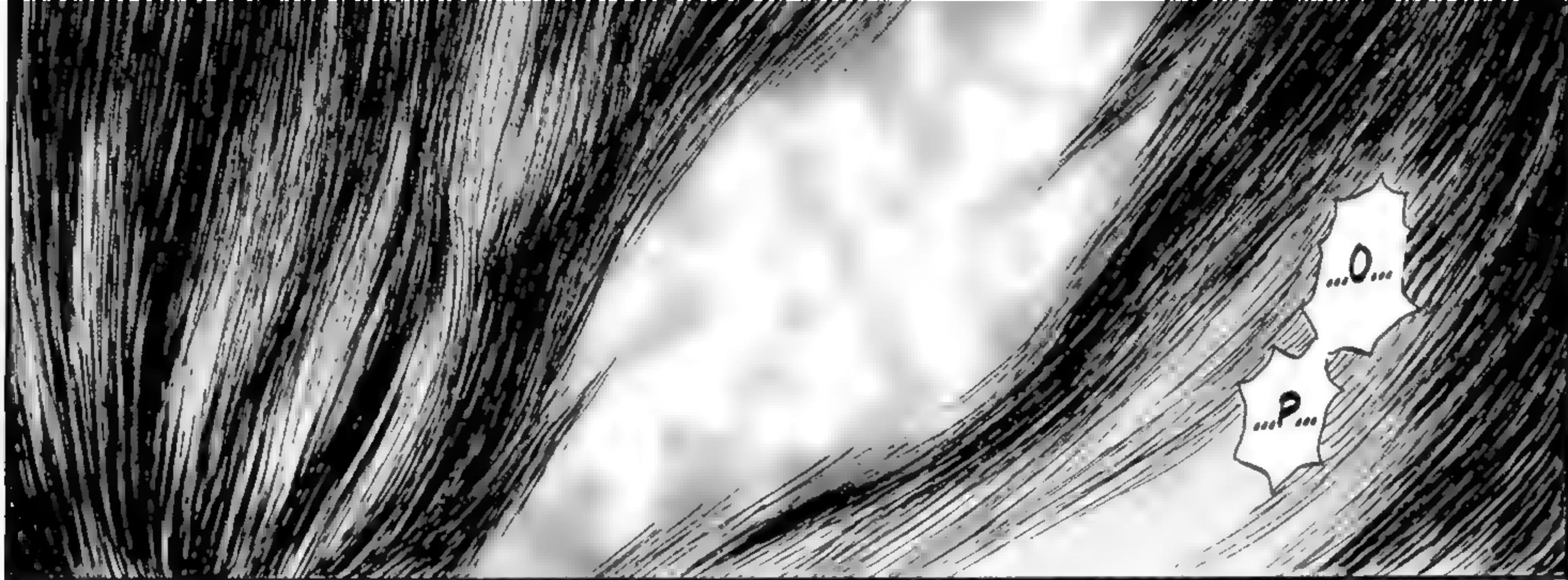




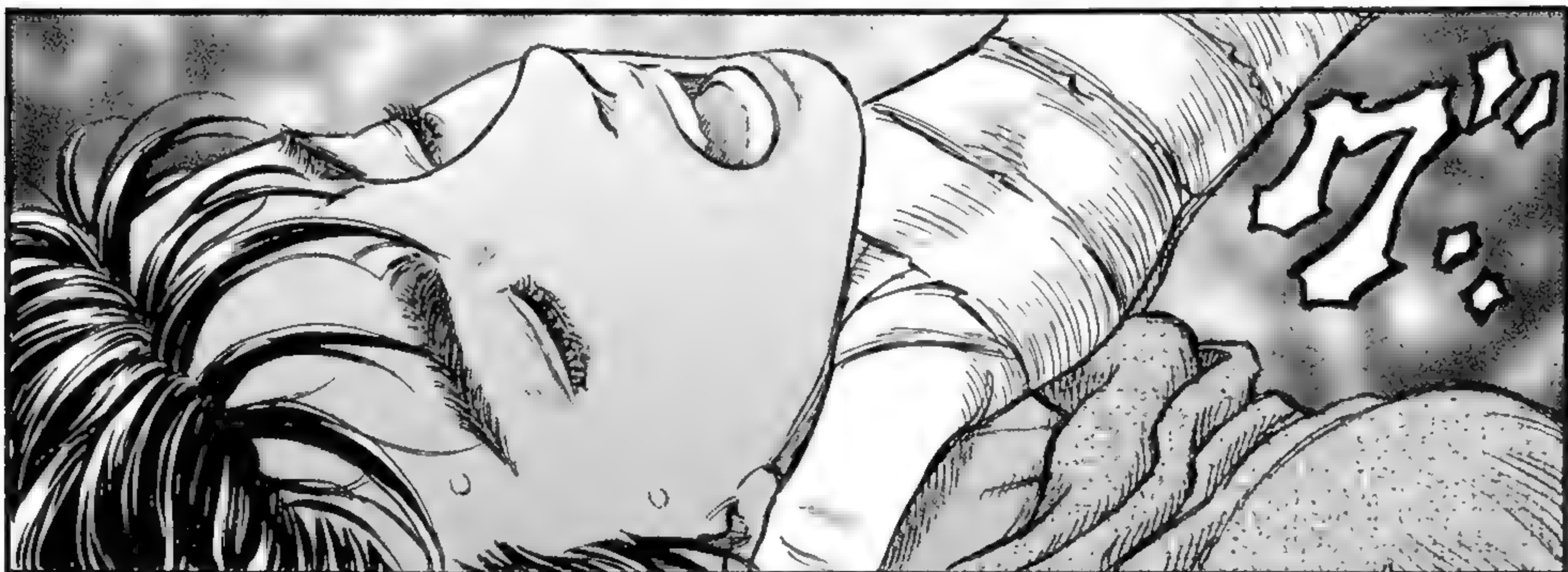
*GRAB

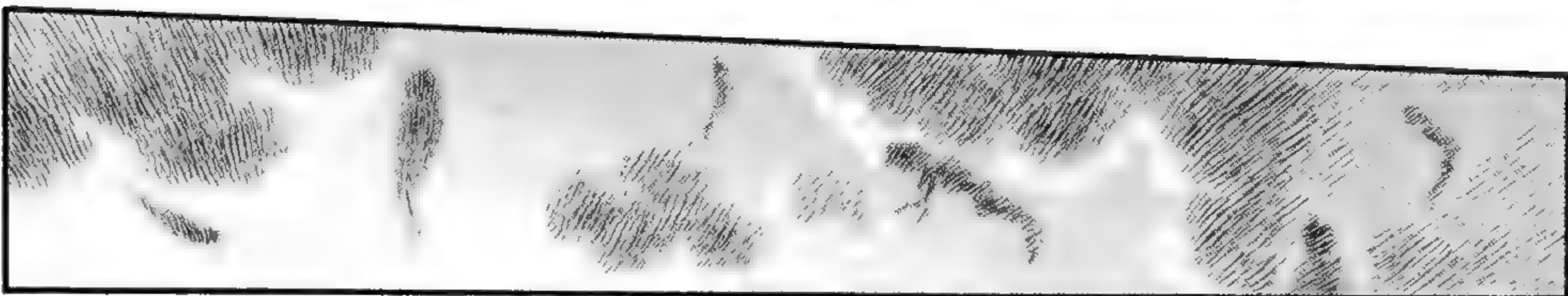
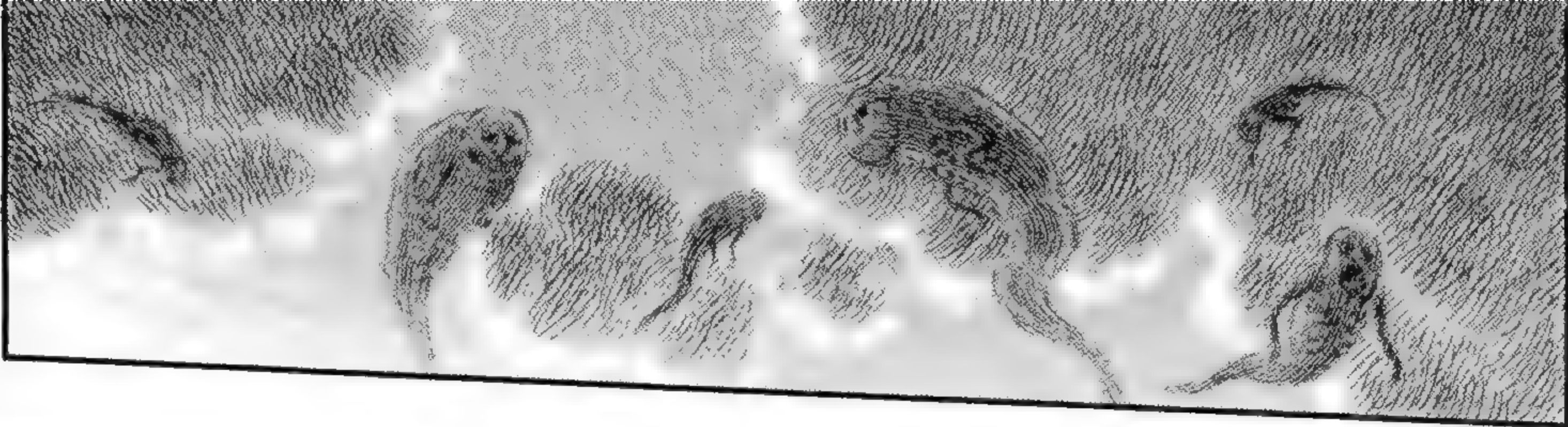
*FX: ROHHHH



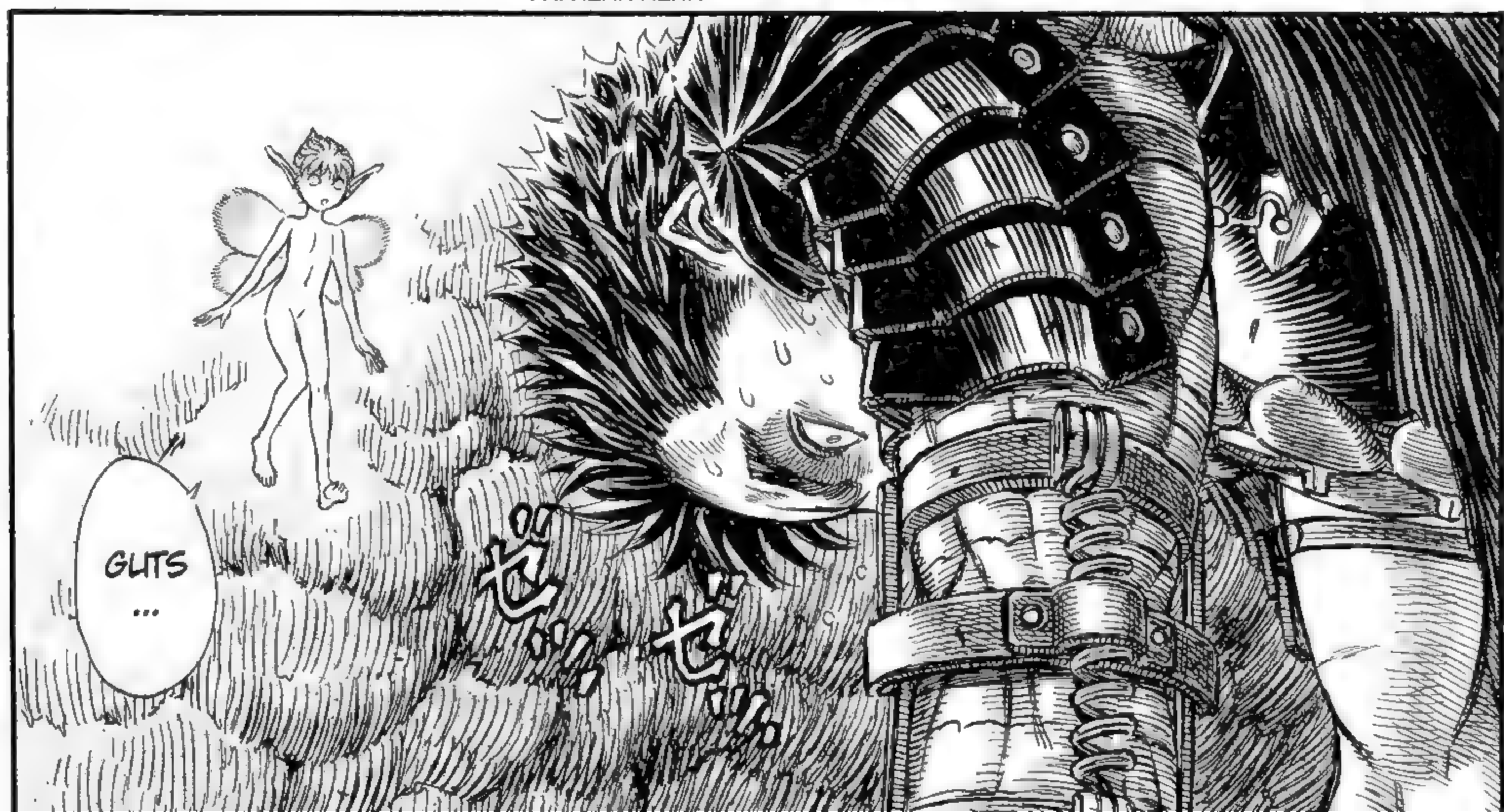


*FX: CLENCH





*FX: HEHH HEHH

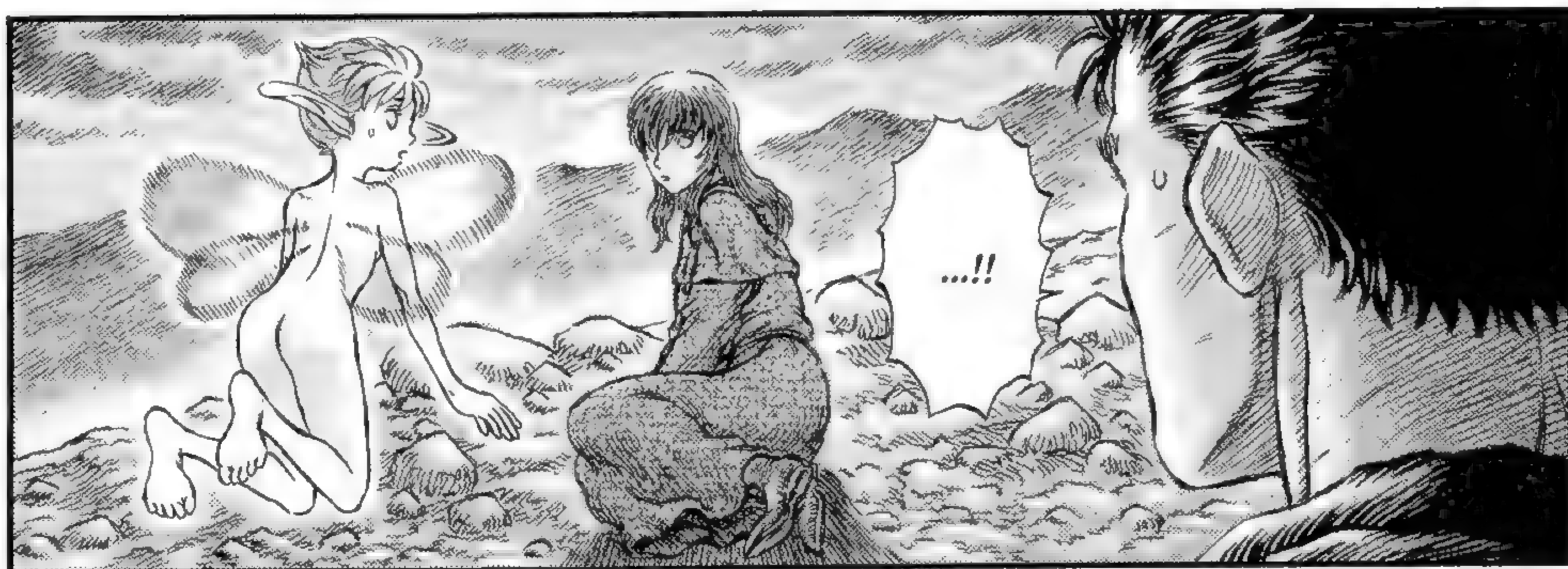
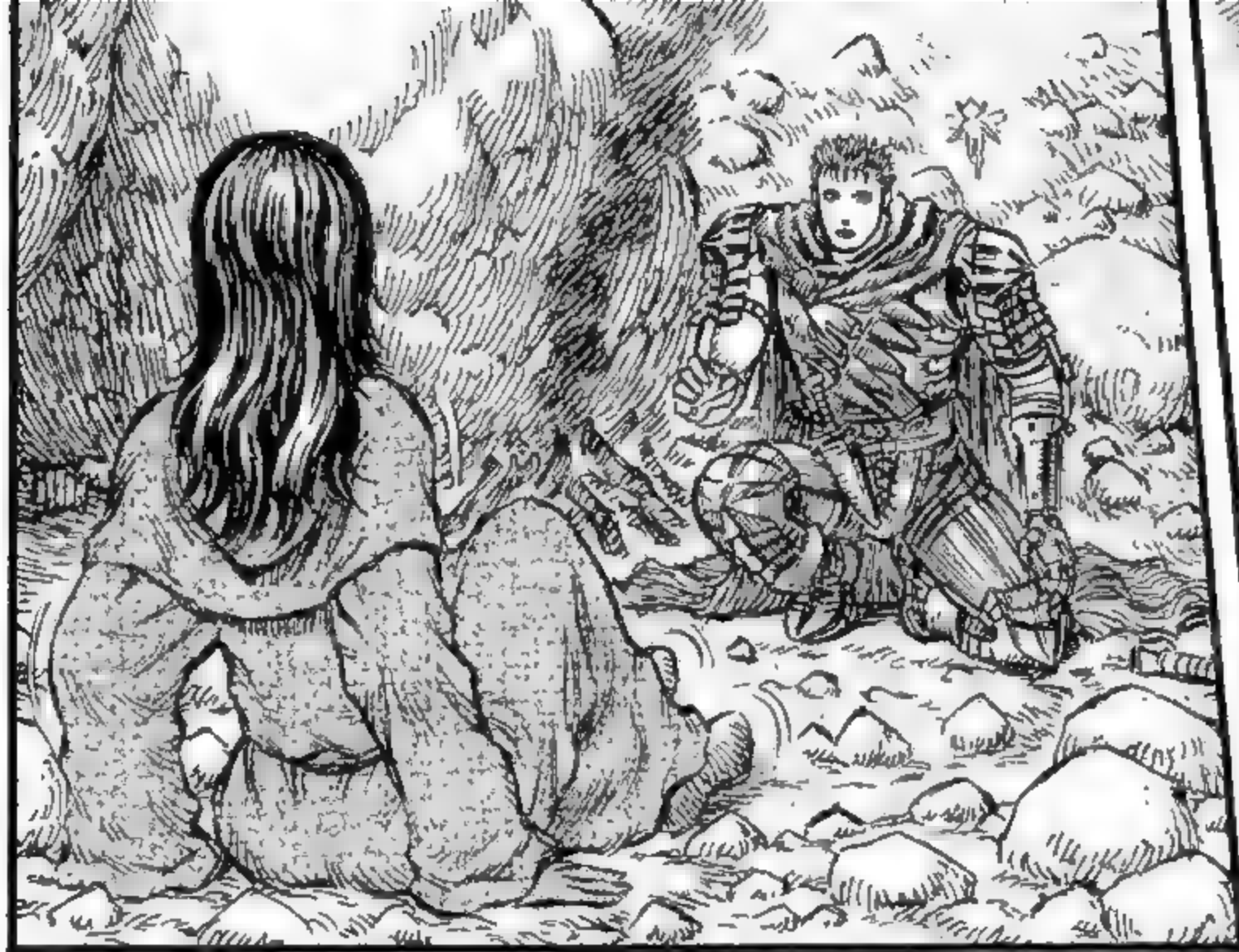




*FX: KOFF

*FX: WHEW

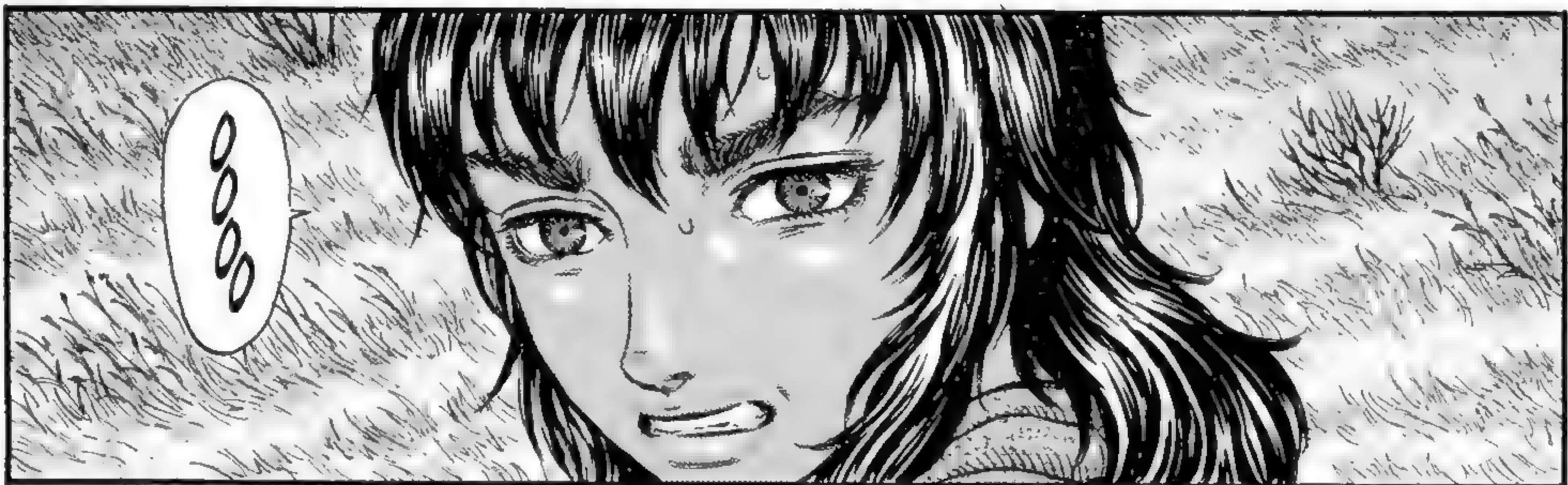
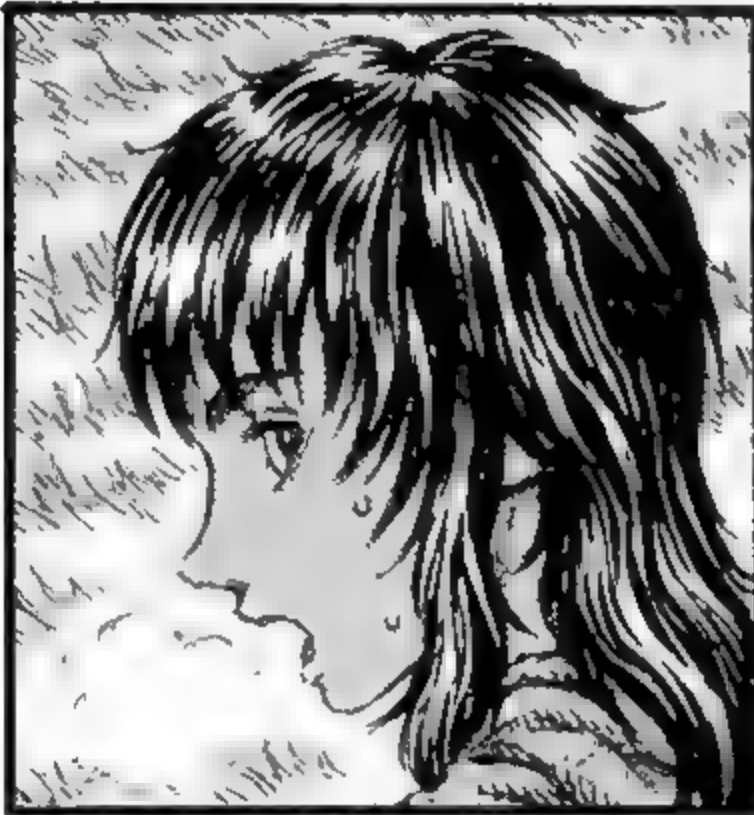


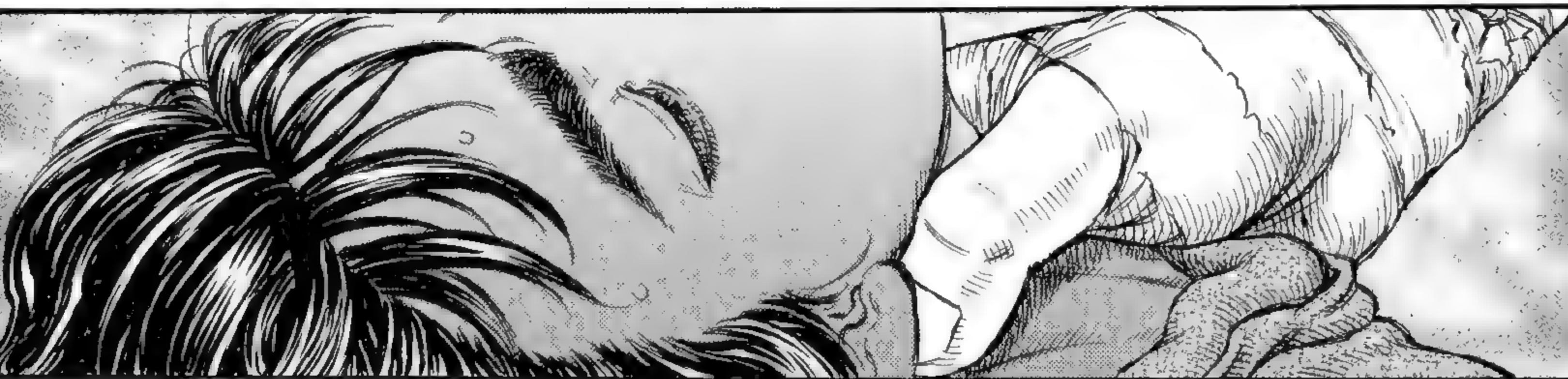
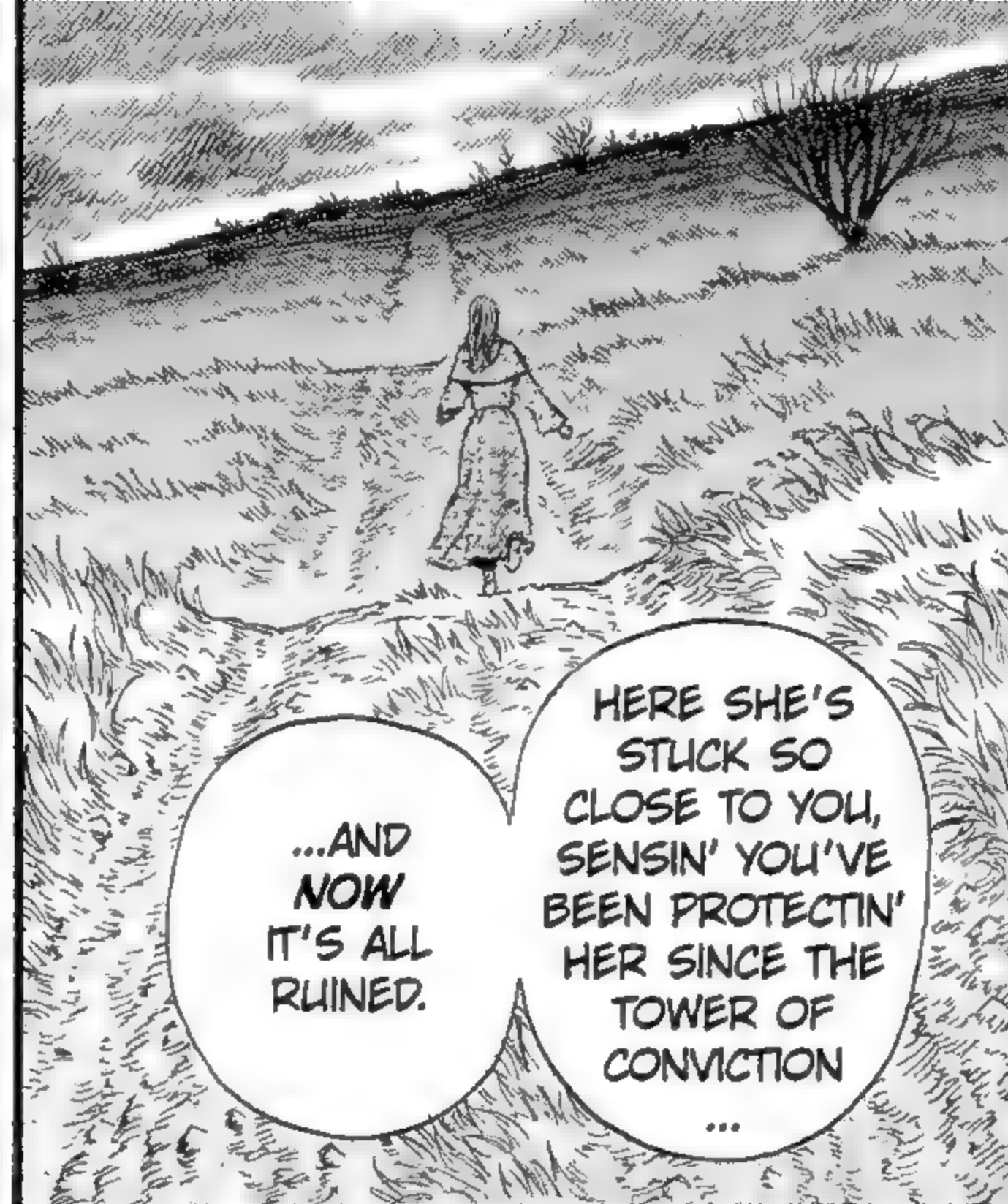






*FX: HAHH HAHH

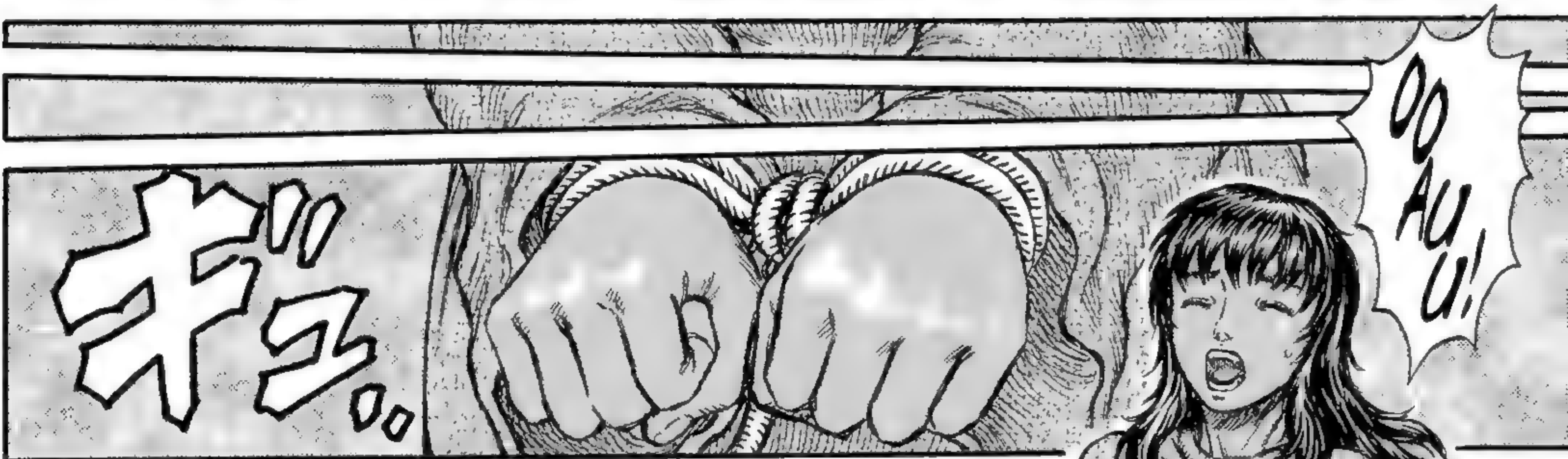






IF IT'S
LIKE
THIS AT
SUNSET...

THIS'S
BAD,
THOUGH.



*FX: TUG



GE
EE!

NOW
COME
ON.



YOU'RE
TAKIN'
THIS TOO
FAR!

WHOA,
HOLD
ON!

EVEN
CONSID-
ERIN'...

*FX: HNGG



THIS'S
NO BETTER
'N THAT
WITCH HUNT!

IT'S
PITIFUL!





RIGHT NOW,
PROTECTING
HER AND
MOVING
QUICKLY
ARE MOST
IMPORTANT.

NOTHING
ELSE
MATTERS.



YOU
MIGHT
BE
RIGHT...

WHAT
ELSE
CAN I
DO?

*FX: AUU



...EVEN
MORE.

...BUT
SHE'LL
HATE
YOU...



.....



I WAS
PREPARED.



...WITH
THE TWO
OF US
BRANDED.

I KNEW
A JOURNEY
WOULDN'T
BE EASY...



IT'S NOT
JUST THE
RIGORS OF
TRAVEL!



IT
GOES FAR
BEYOND A
PERSONAL
WAR...

...FIGHTING
TO PROTECT
SOMEONE...



...BECAUSE
MY DEATH WILL
RESULT IN
HER DEATH.

AND IT'S NOT
JUST ABOUT
COMPLETELY
PROTECTING
CASCA...



I'M USED TO
FIGHTING TO
SURVIVE.



...IS THE
PRESSURE
NOT TO
DIE.

BUT WHAT
GROWS
WORSE
DAILY...



HAVE
I EVER
BEFORE...

...WIELDED
A SWORD
SO HEAVY?





IF ONLY
WE COULD
CONNECT
SOMEHOW.

...PERHAPS I
WAS HOLDING
ONTO SOME
INDULGENT...
HOPE...



〇〇〇〇〇



SO FAR
AWAY...

SCATTERED TIME

こぼれた時間とき

BERSERK

THE LAST
TIME SHE
SMILED?



WHEN WAS
THAT...?

I
SWORE
I'D STAY
NEAR
HER.

MY
DISTRUST
OF
MYSELF...

I CAN
BARELY
PROTECT
HER...

FATIGUE
IS...

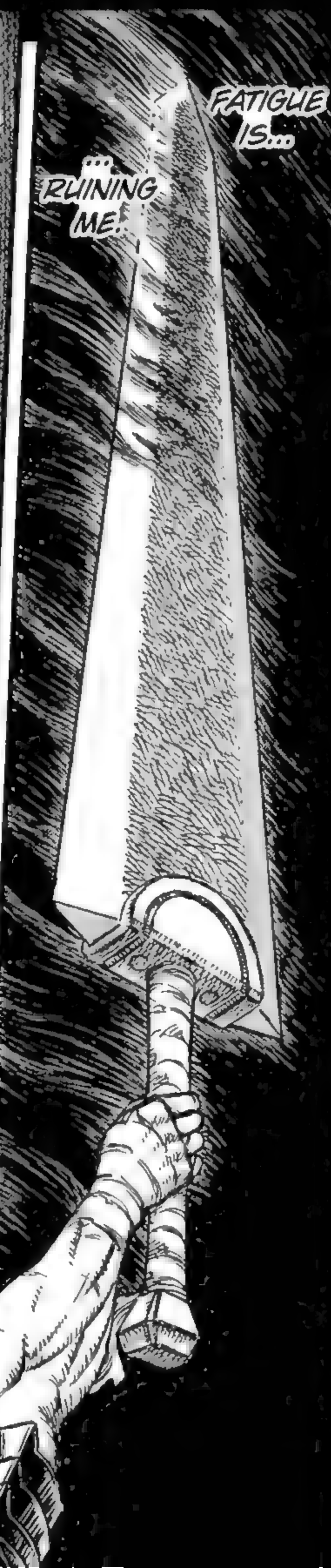
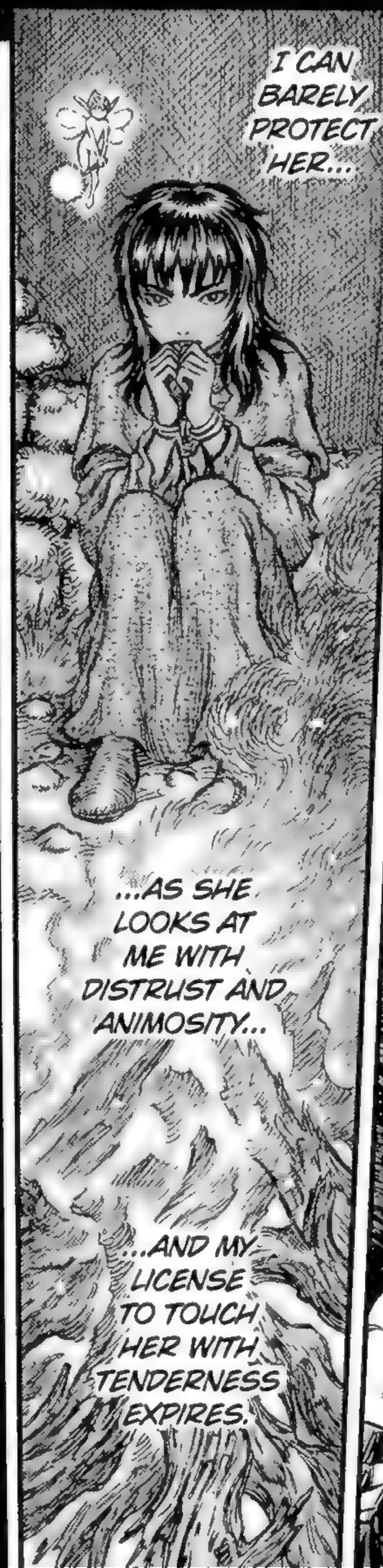
RUINING
ME!

NOT
ABANDON
HER.

...AS SHE
LOOKS AT
ME WITH
DISTRUST AND
ANIMOSITY...

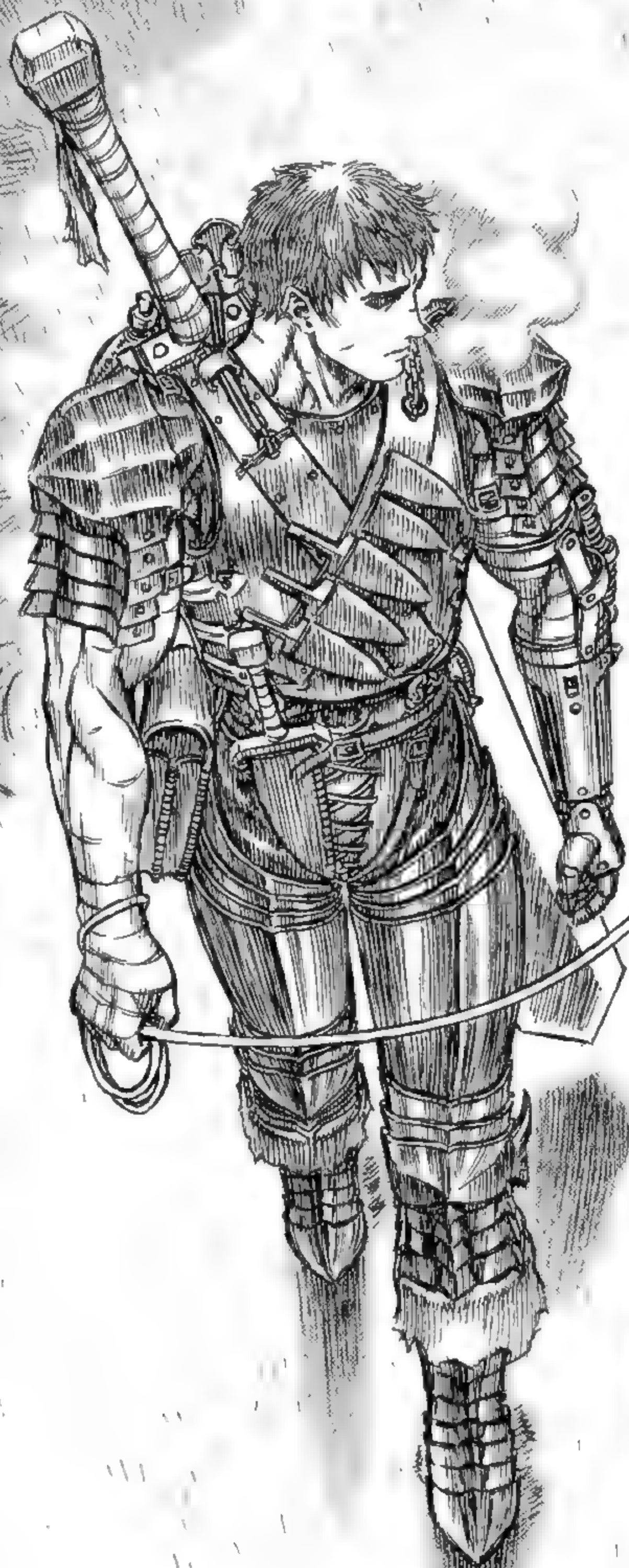
...SPURS
ME ON.

...AND MY
LICENSE
TO TOUCH
HER WITH
TENDERNESS
EXPIRES.

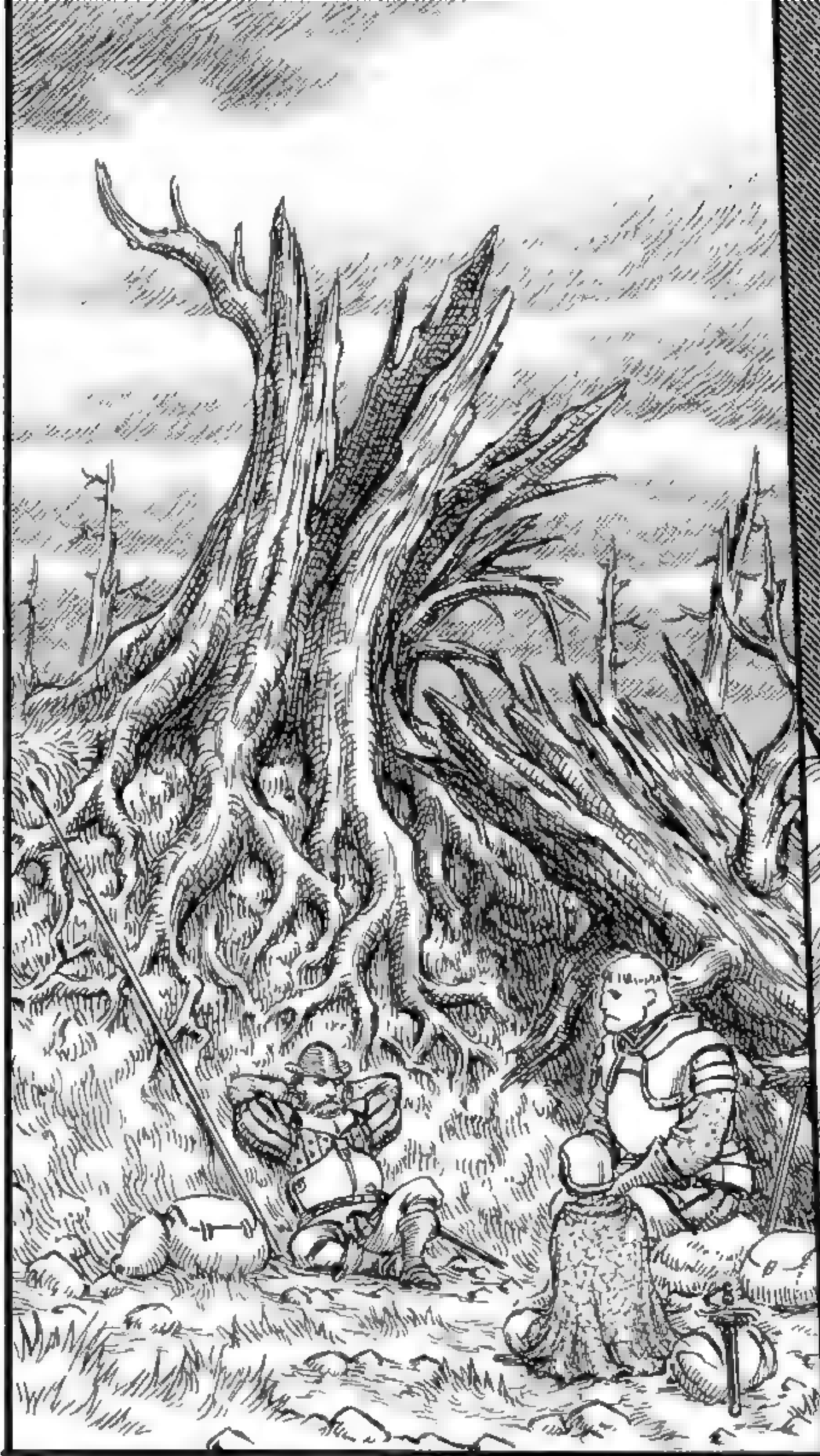


...SHE
GROWS
DISTANT...

BUT...







NOT A BIT
OF FOOD
LEFT. TALK
ABOUT BAD
BUSINESS.

AH, HELL,
EVERY
VILLAGE 'N'
TOWN
AROUND
HERE'S
EMPTY.



CASCA...
!!



*FX: MNCH MNCH



*FX: ZHA



*FX: FRMP FRMP





A W-
WOMAN
?!

WHAT
IN
THE...

AHH!
MUH
DRIED
MEAT...!



SHE AIN'T
BAD, THIS
BROAD.

*FX: MNCH MNCH

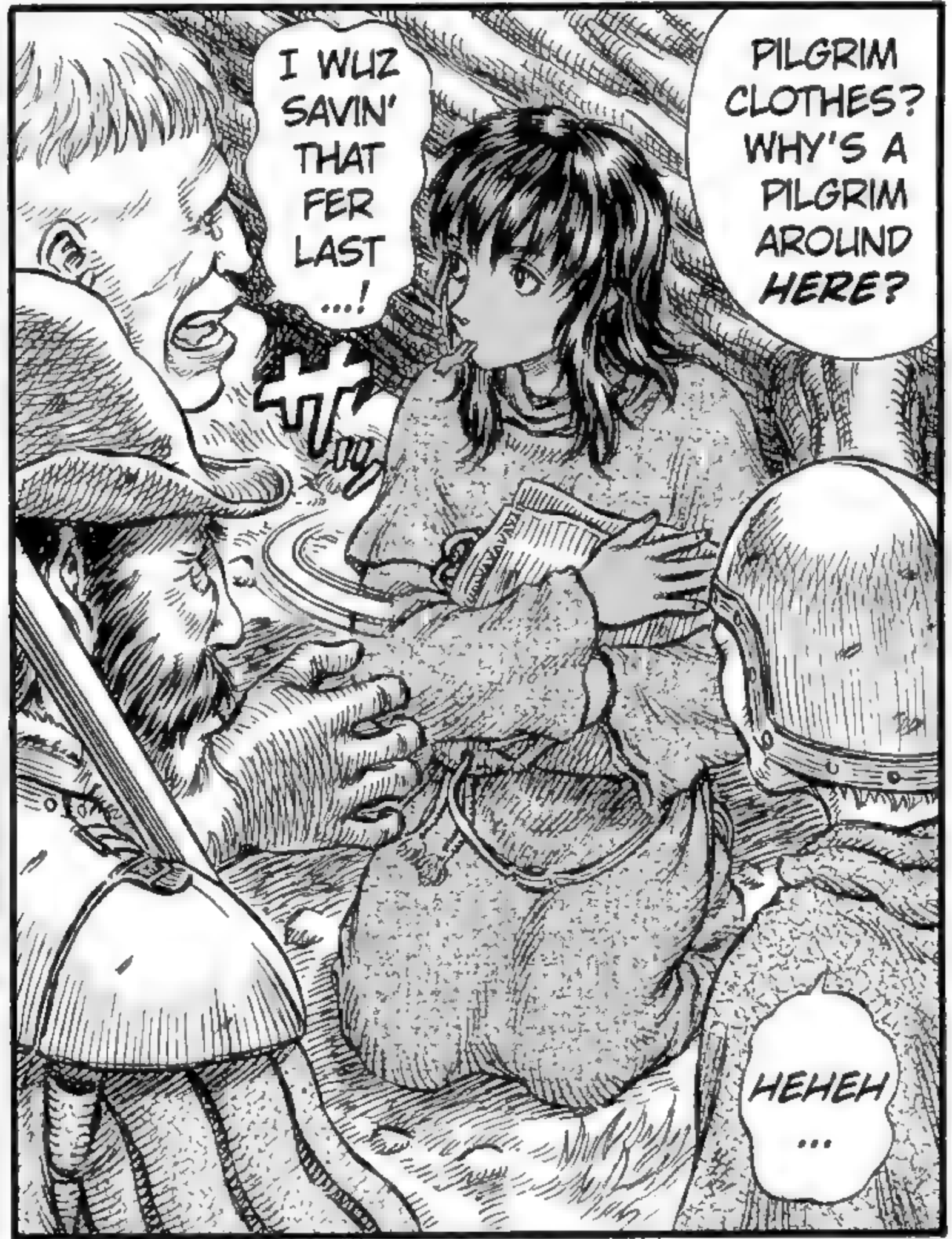
MEAT ...

YOU
GONNA RAPE
A PILGRIM?
THAT'S A SIN.



NO,
BOSS.

SHE'S A
BLESSIN'
FROM GOD
FOR US
WRETCHED
THIEVES.



I WUZ
SAVIN'
THAT
FER
LAST
...!

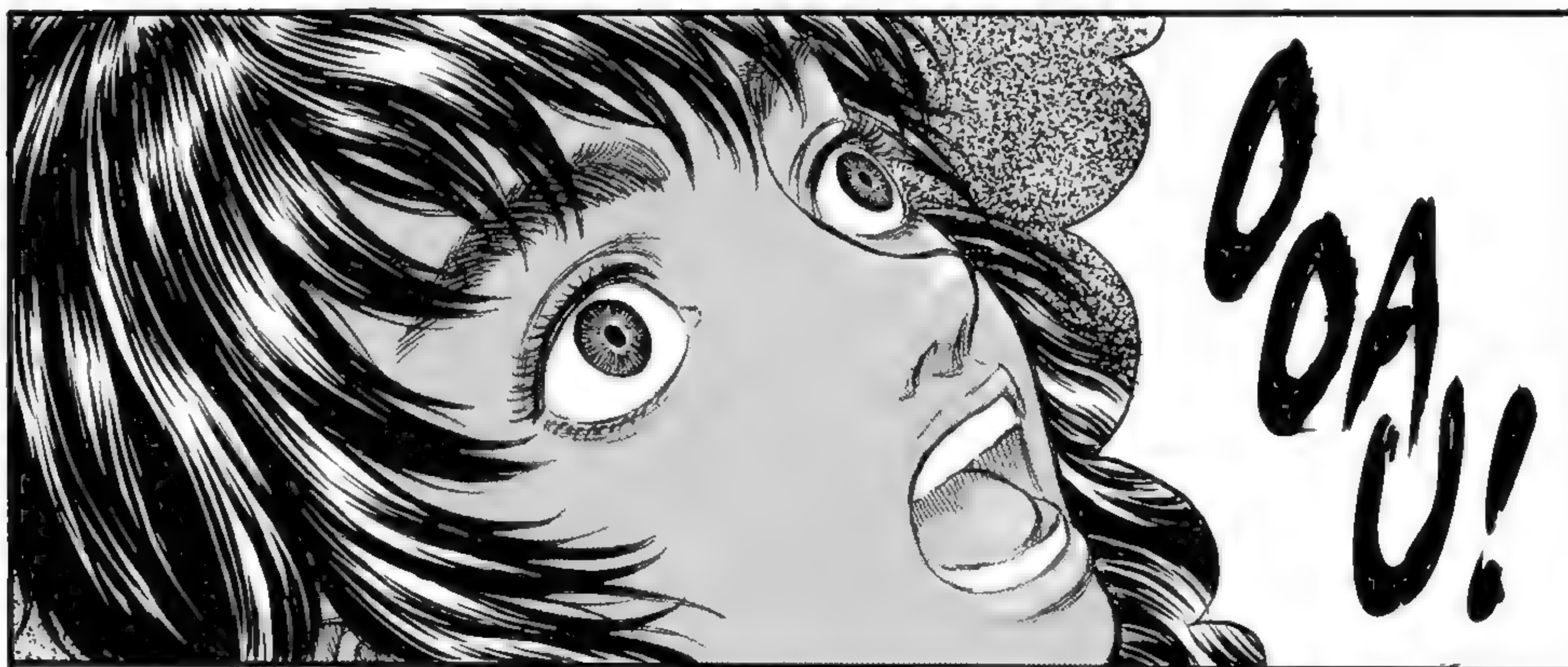
PILGRIM
CLOTHES?
WHY'S A
PILGRIM
AROUND
HERE?

HEHEH
...



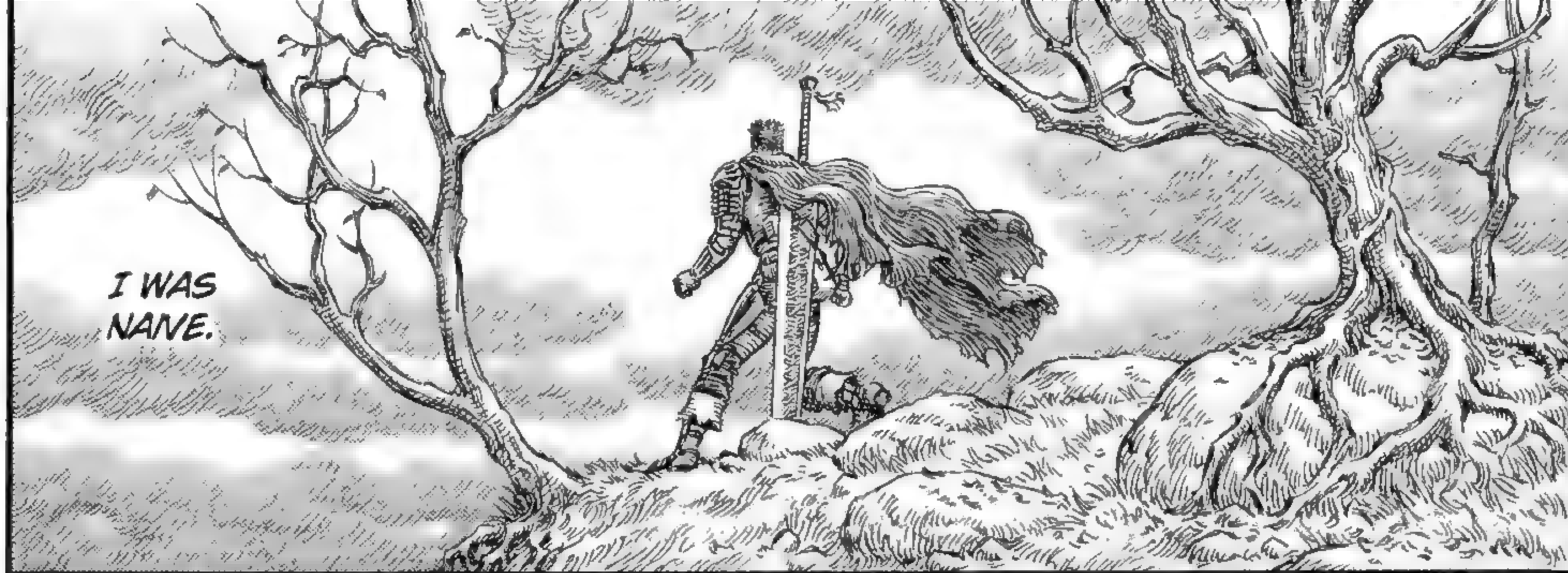
...WORKS
FOR ME.

WELL...



*FX: BLASH





I WAS
NAVE.



...ALIVE
AND SAFE,
THAT WAS
ALL.

...I JUST
HOPED
SHE WAS
STILL
ALIVE...

WHEN I
HEADED
FOR THE
TOWER OF
CONVICTION...



I WAS
TOO
NAVE.



...I THOUGHT
THAT WAS
EVERYTHING.

WHEN I
GOT HER
BACK...

ALL THE TIME
I SPENT
WANDERING.

ALL THE
TIME I LEFT
HER THERE
ALONE.

THERE'S NO
WAY TO MAKE
UP FOR ALL
THE TIME I
LEFT HER IN
DARKNESS.

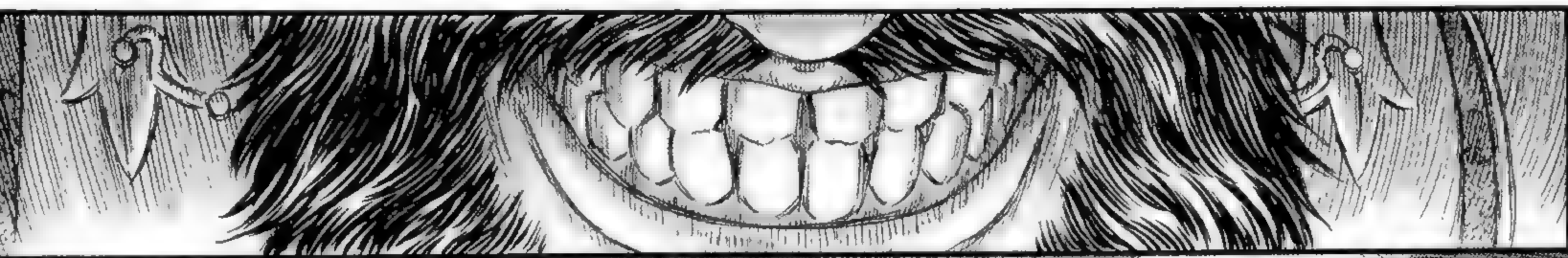
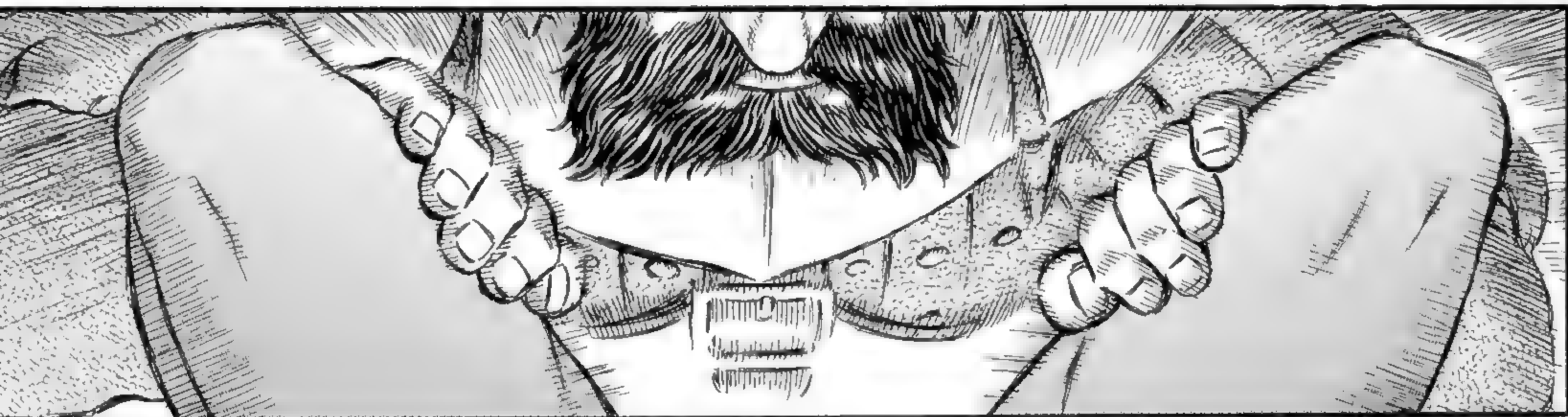
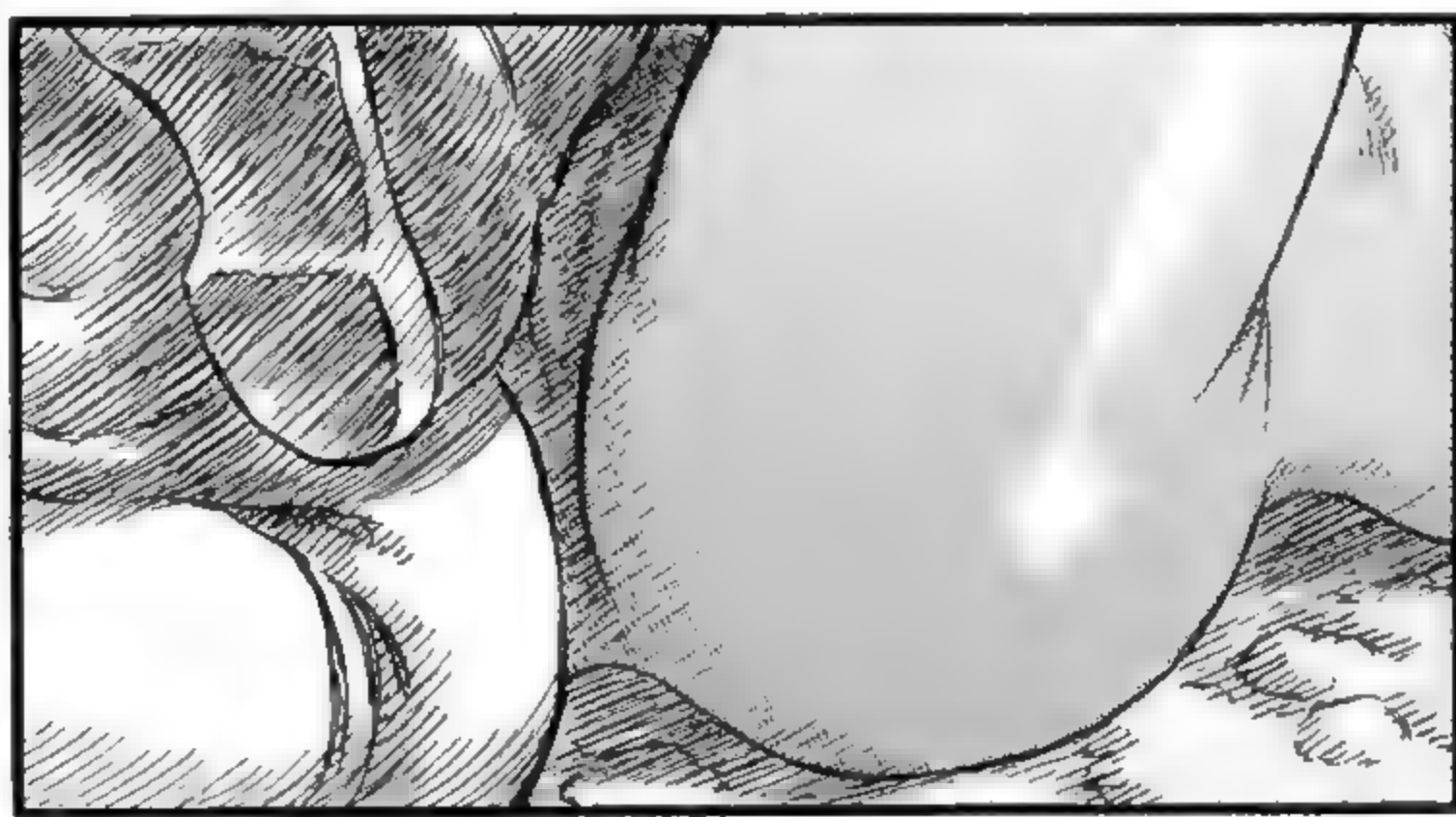
EVEN
DOING
THAT...

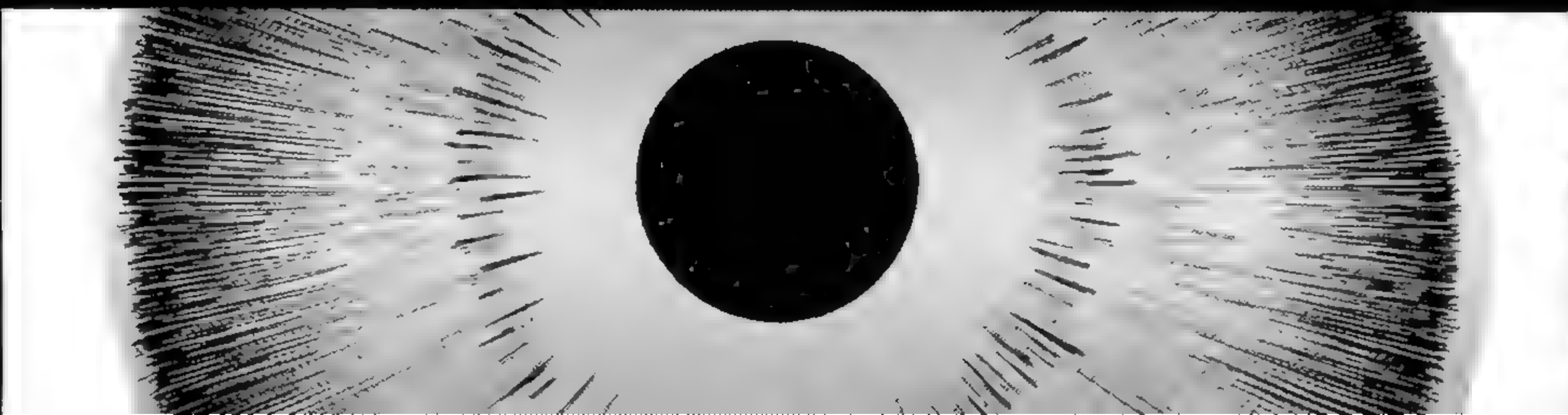
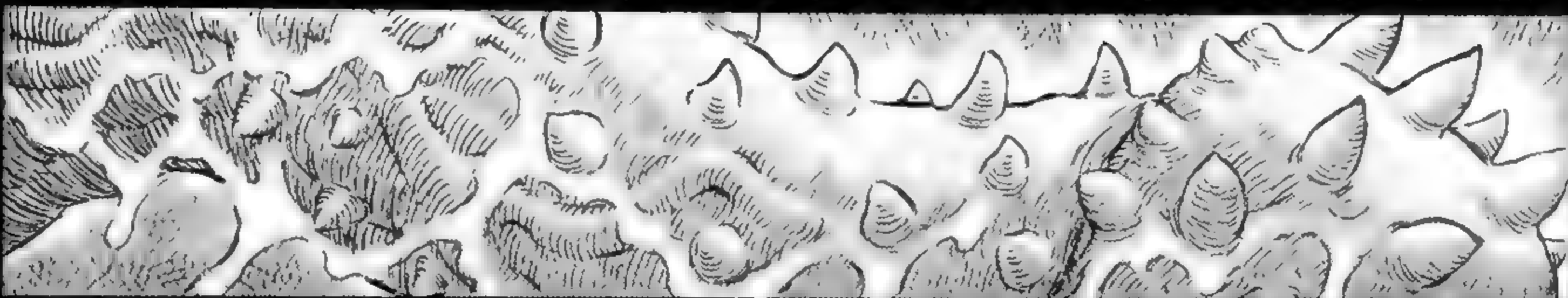
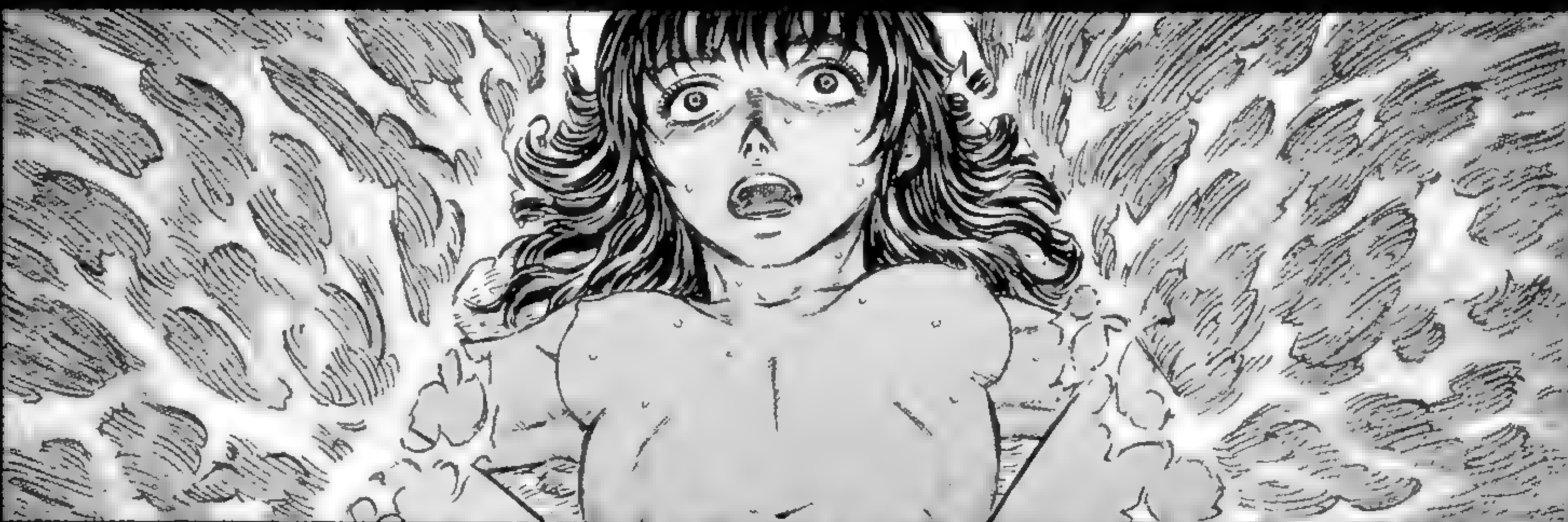
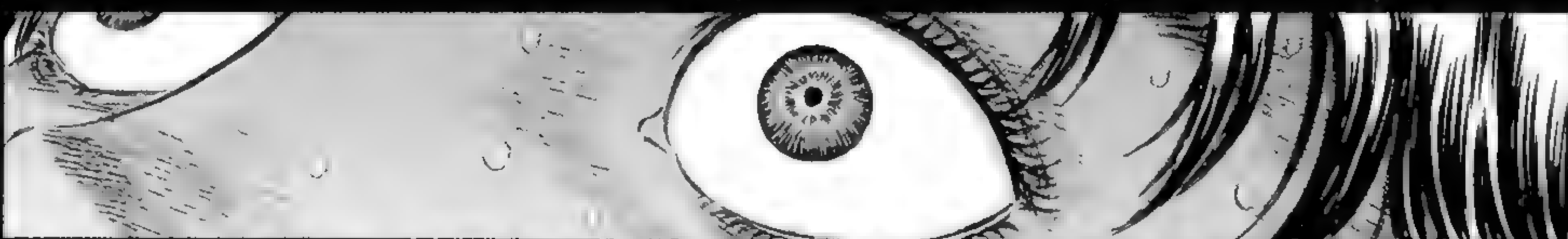
...THERE
WAS NO
WAY...

I'VE BECOME
ESTRANGED
FROM HER.

...TO WIPE
AWAY THE
YEARS I
LEFT HER
BEHIND.









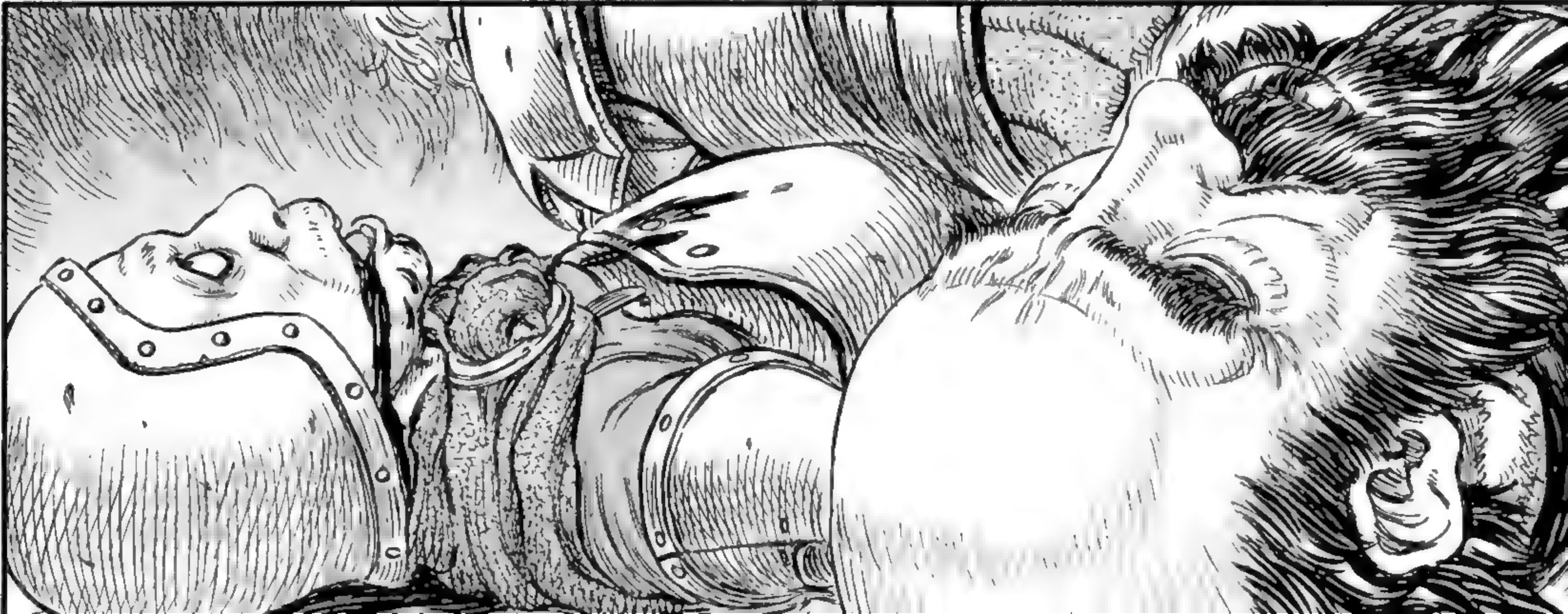
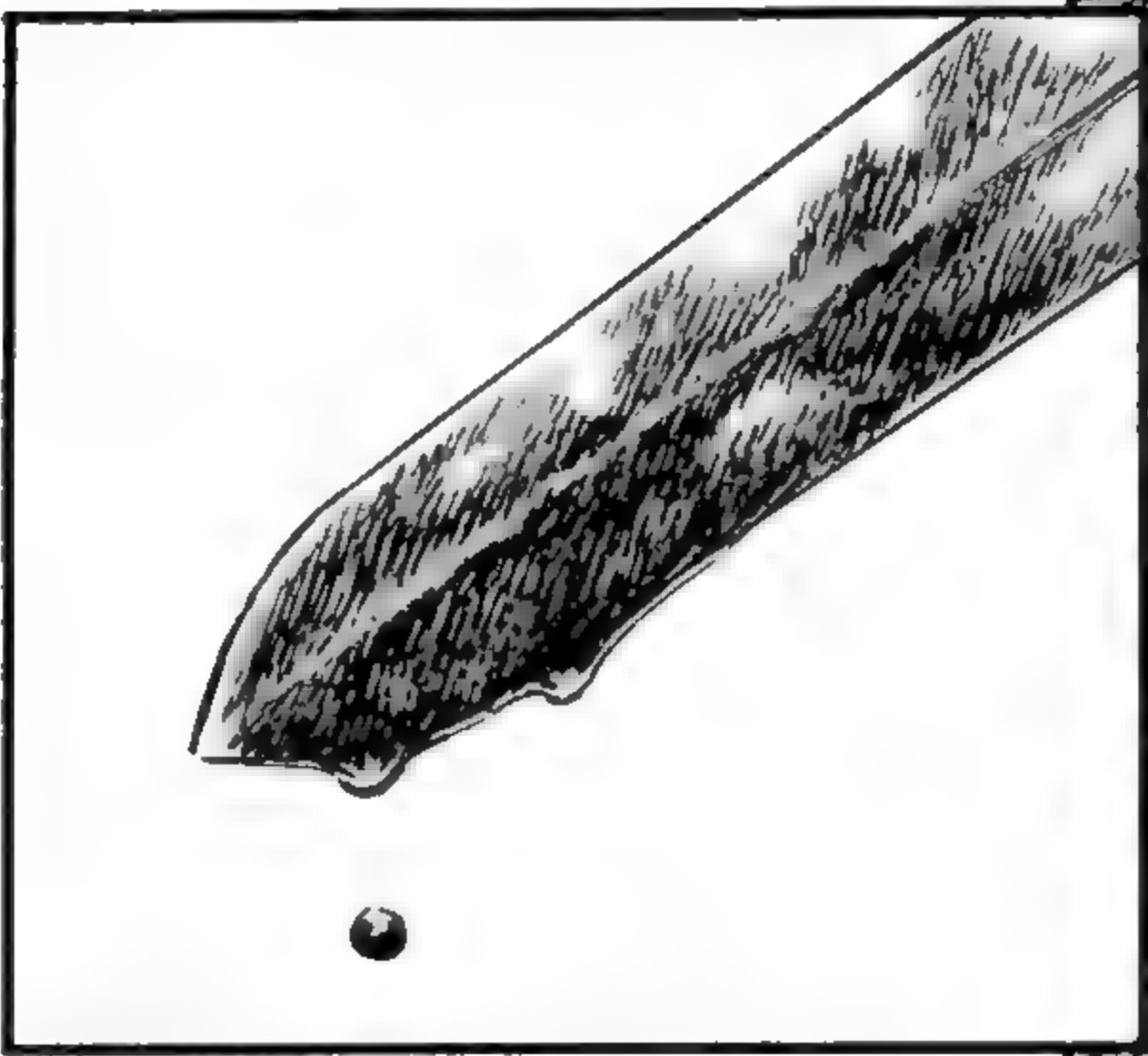
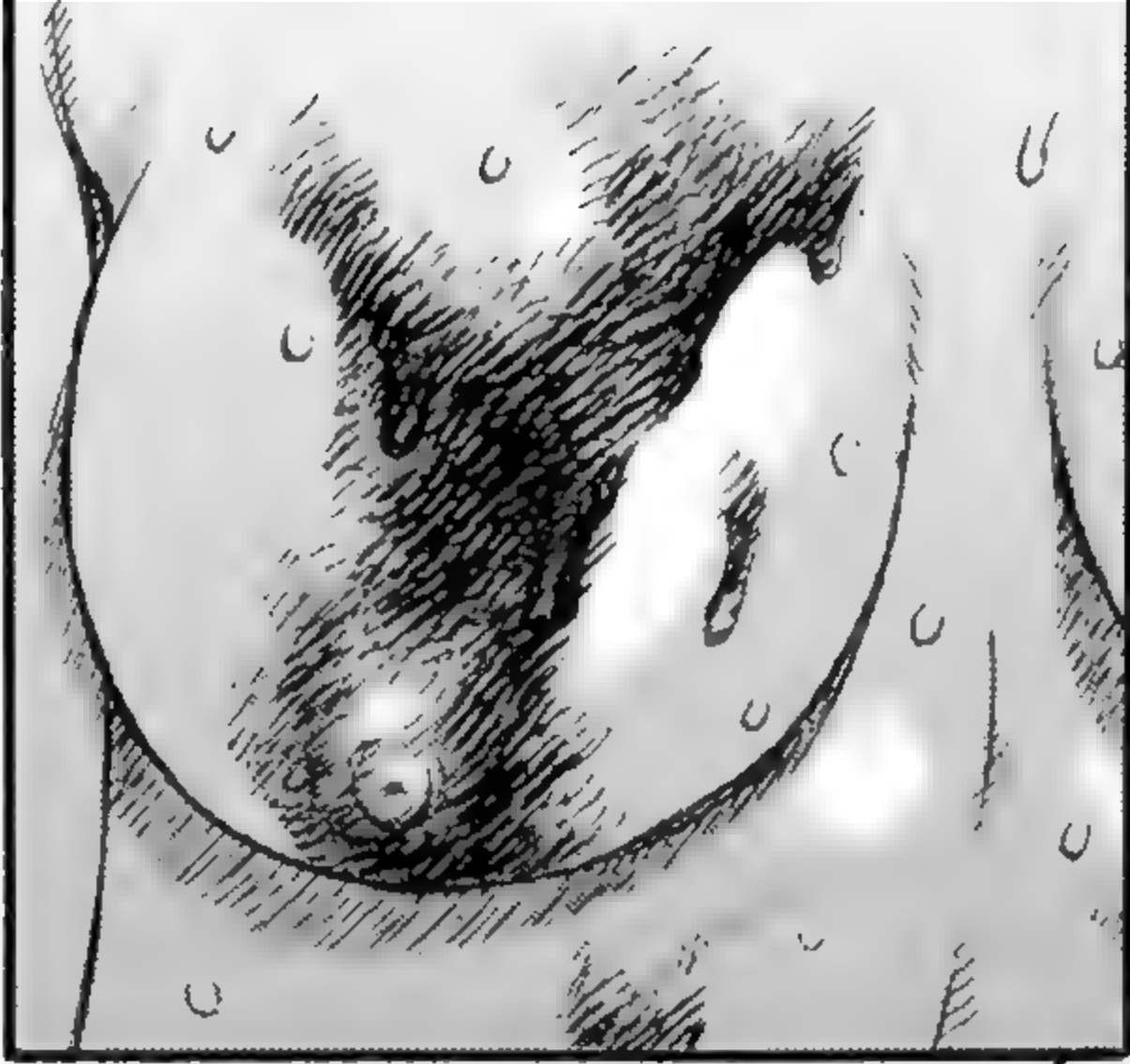


CASCA
!!

*ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA





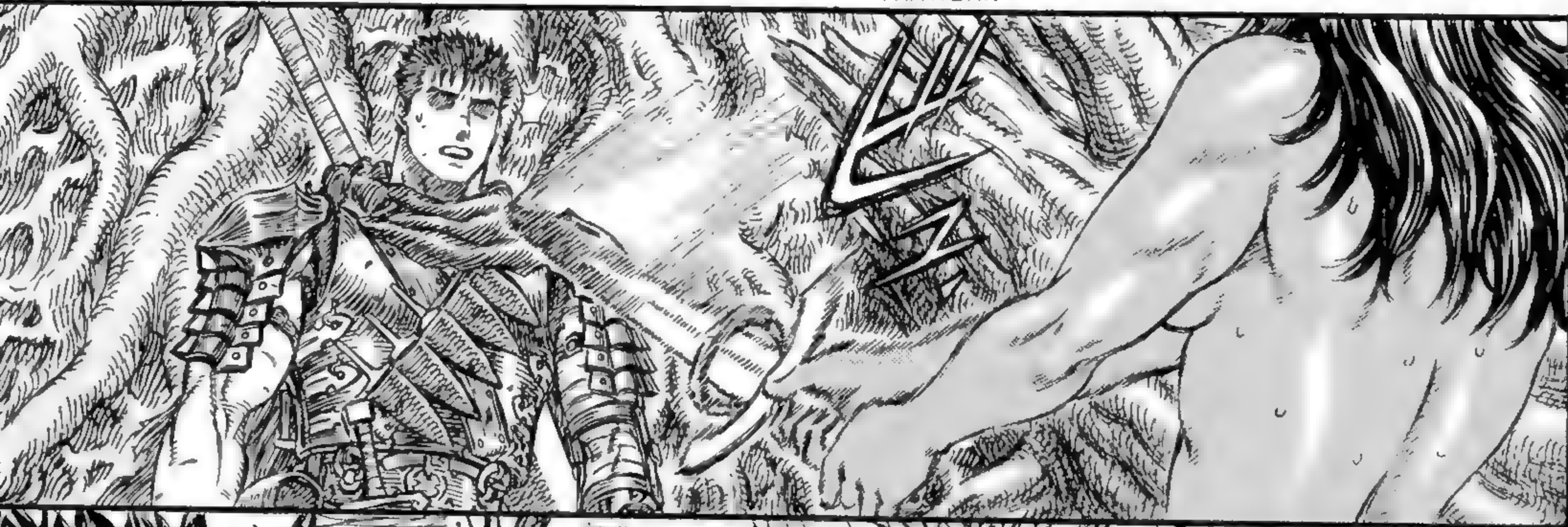




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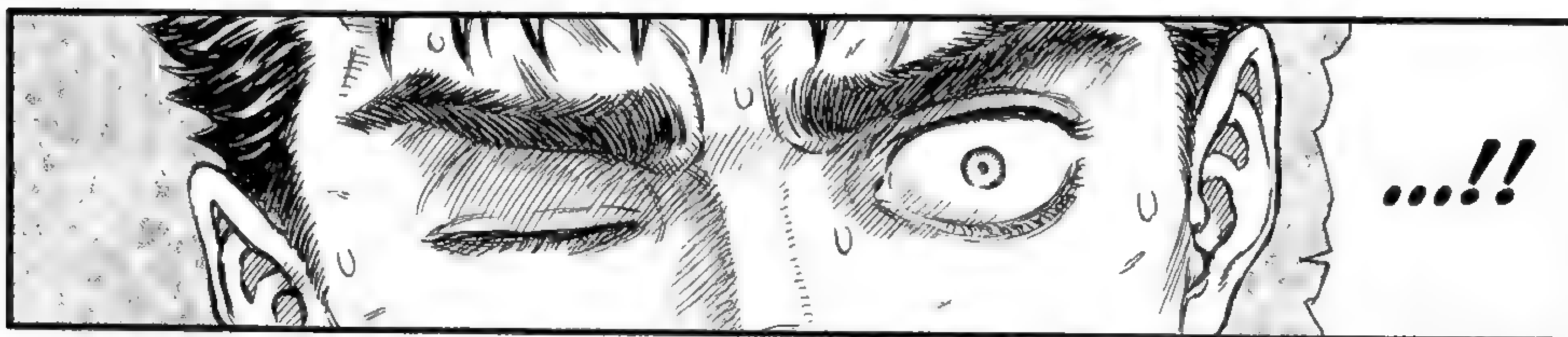


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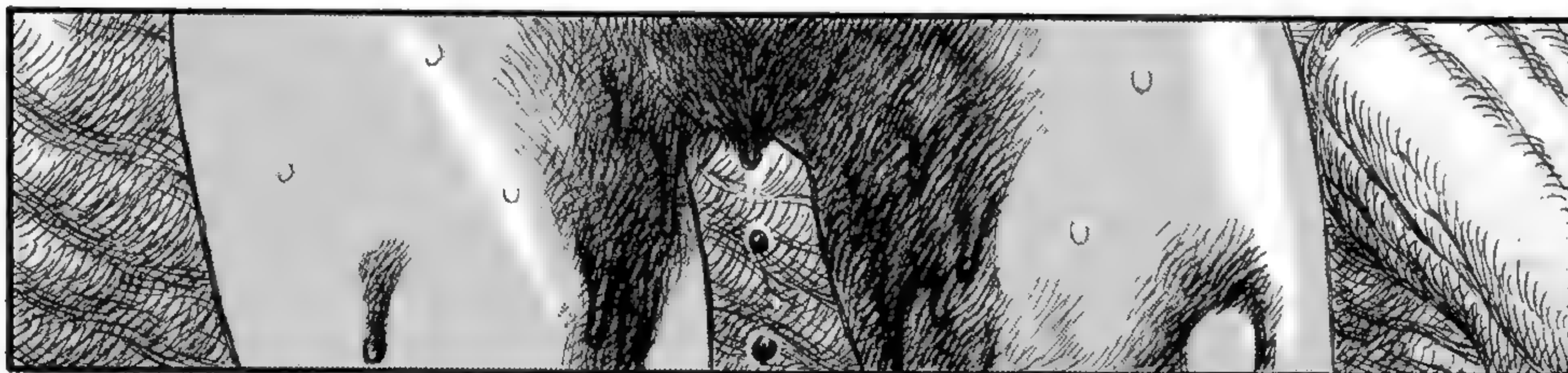




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...!!



AGY AU!!



QHI--!



OOG EE...

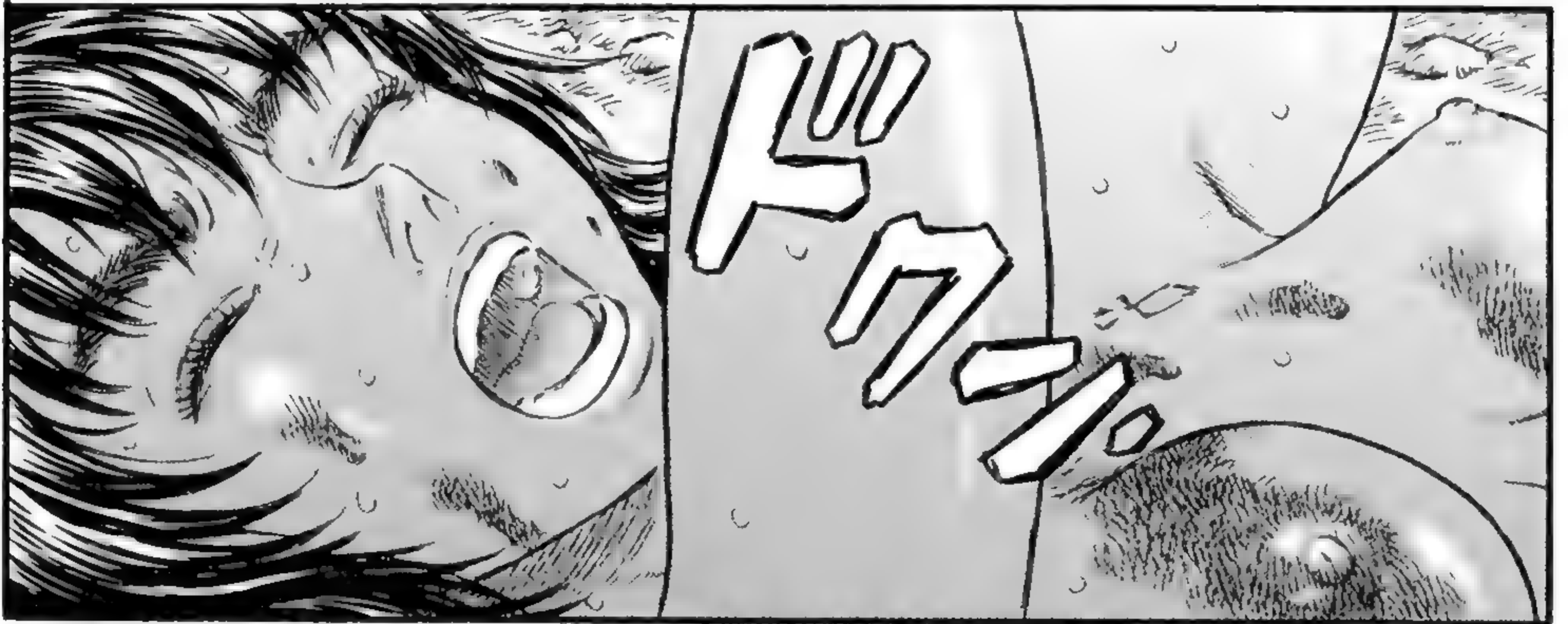
NO WAY...





*FX. BTHUMP

*FX BTHUMP



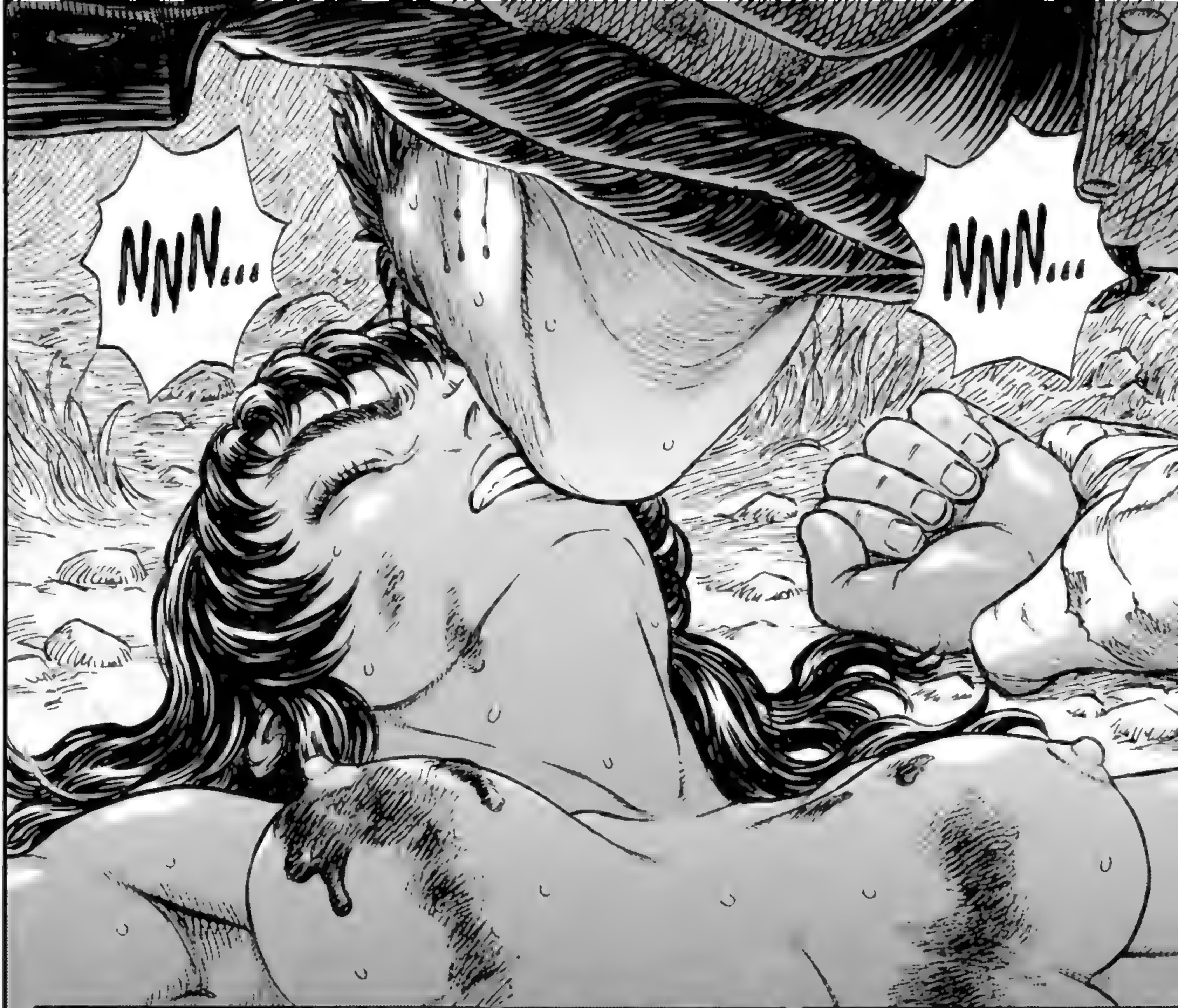


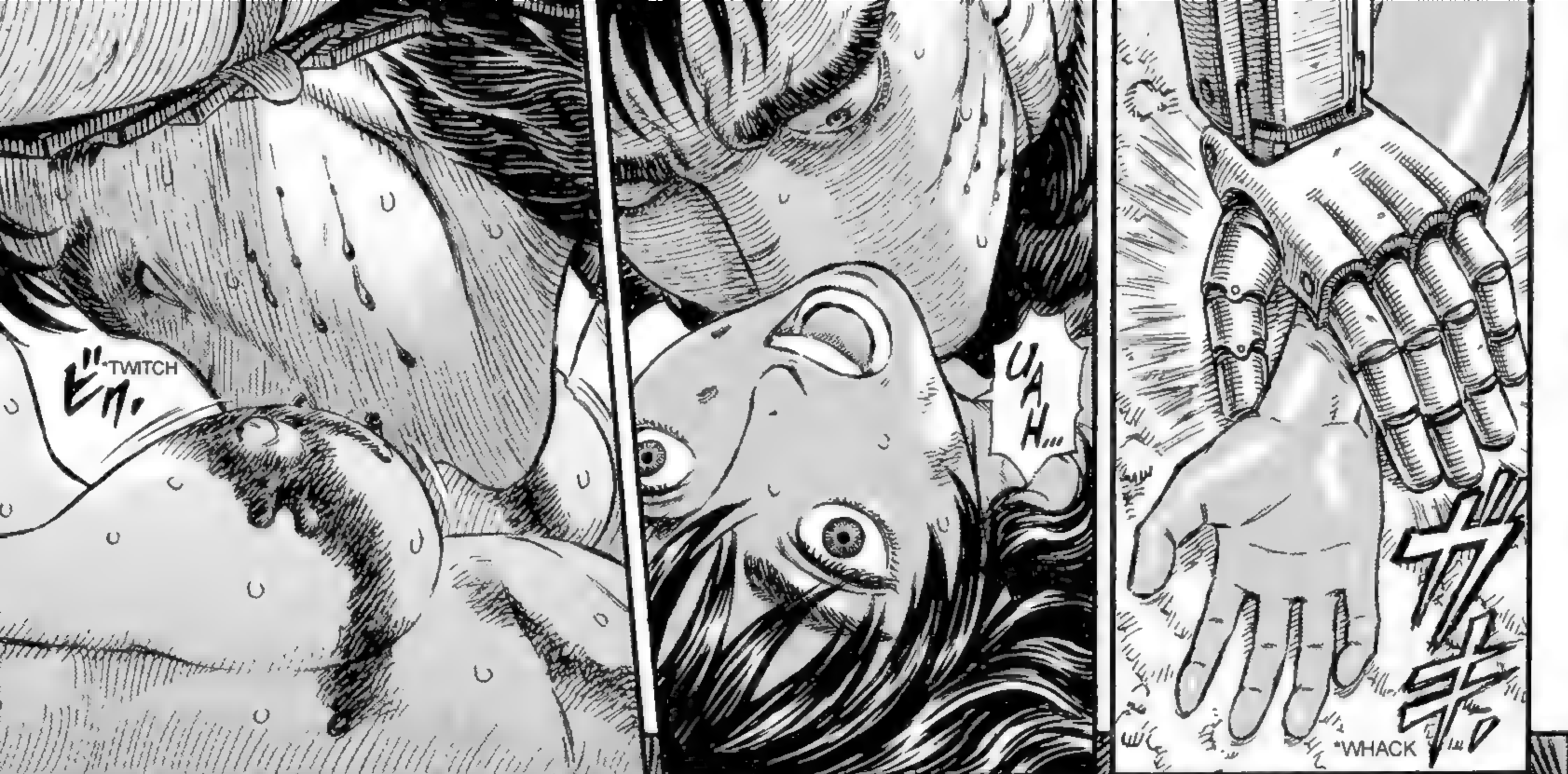


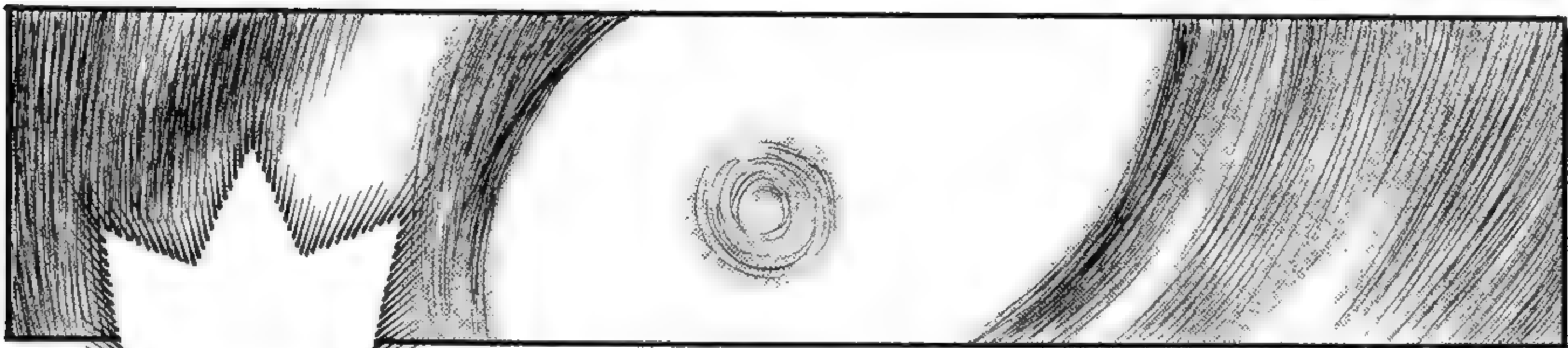
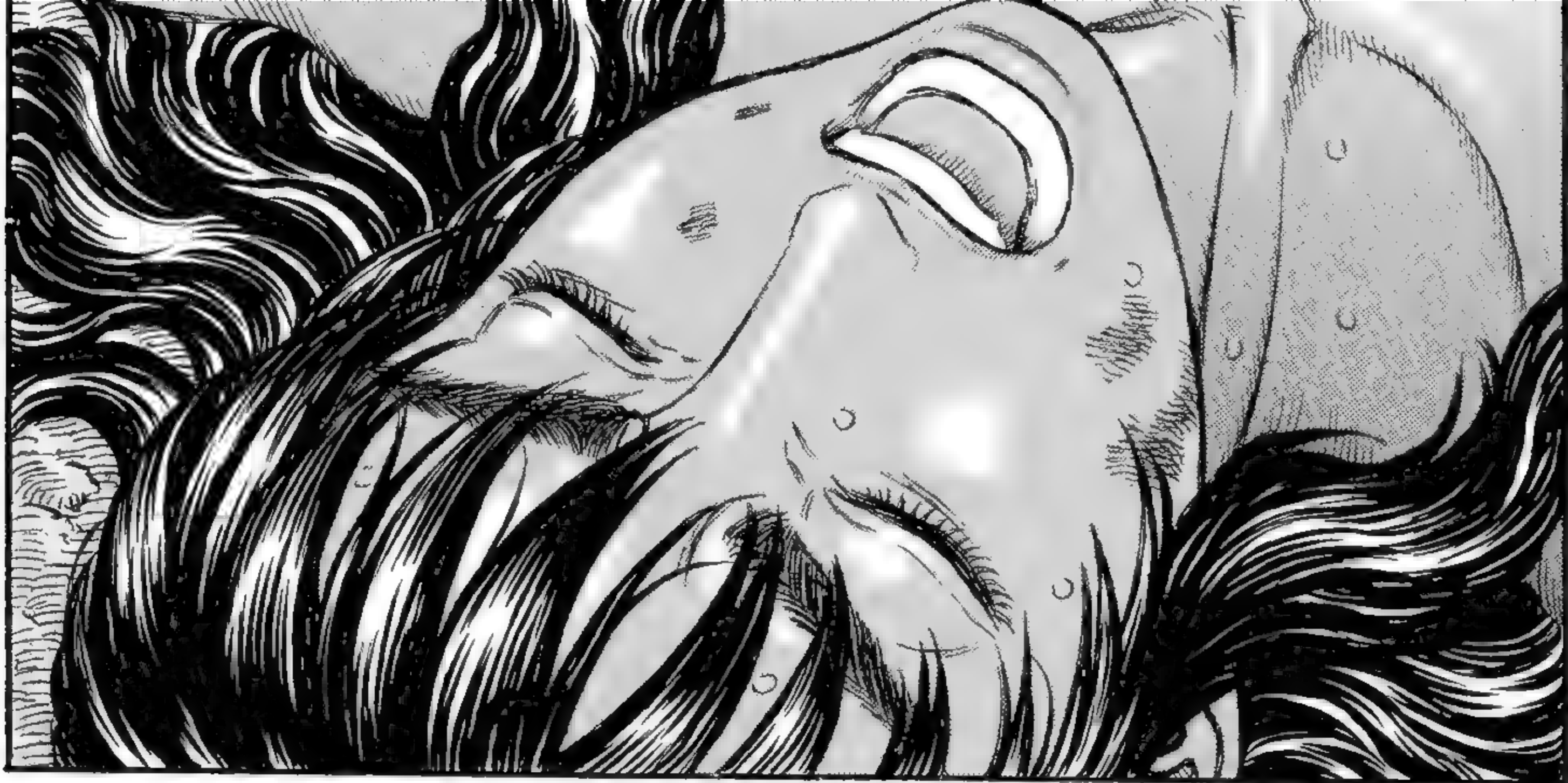


FANGS OF EGO

我牙







YES.





**RIP
HER TO
SHREDS.**

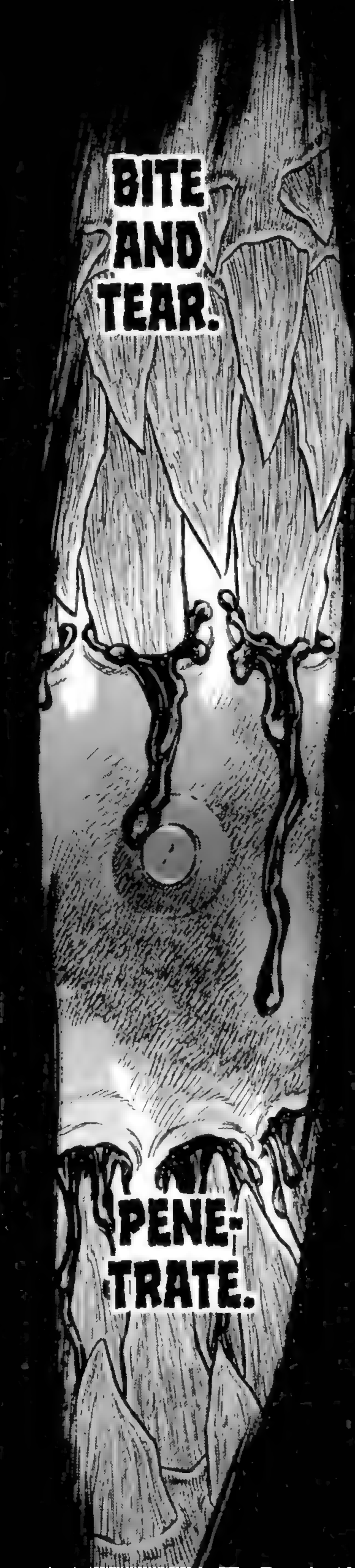
**THE WAY
GRIFFITH
DID.**



**YOU
MUST...**



**SHE'S A
SACRIFICE.**



**BITE
AND
TEAR.**

**...LOSE
EVERYTHING.**

**PENE-
TRATE.**

**...FOOD
FOR YOUR
MALICE.**

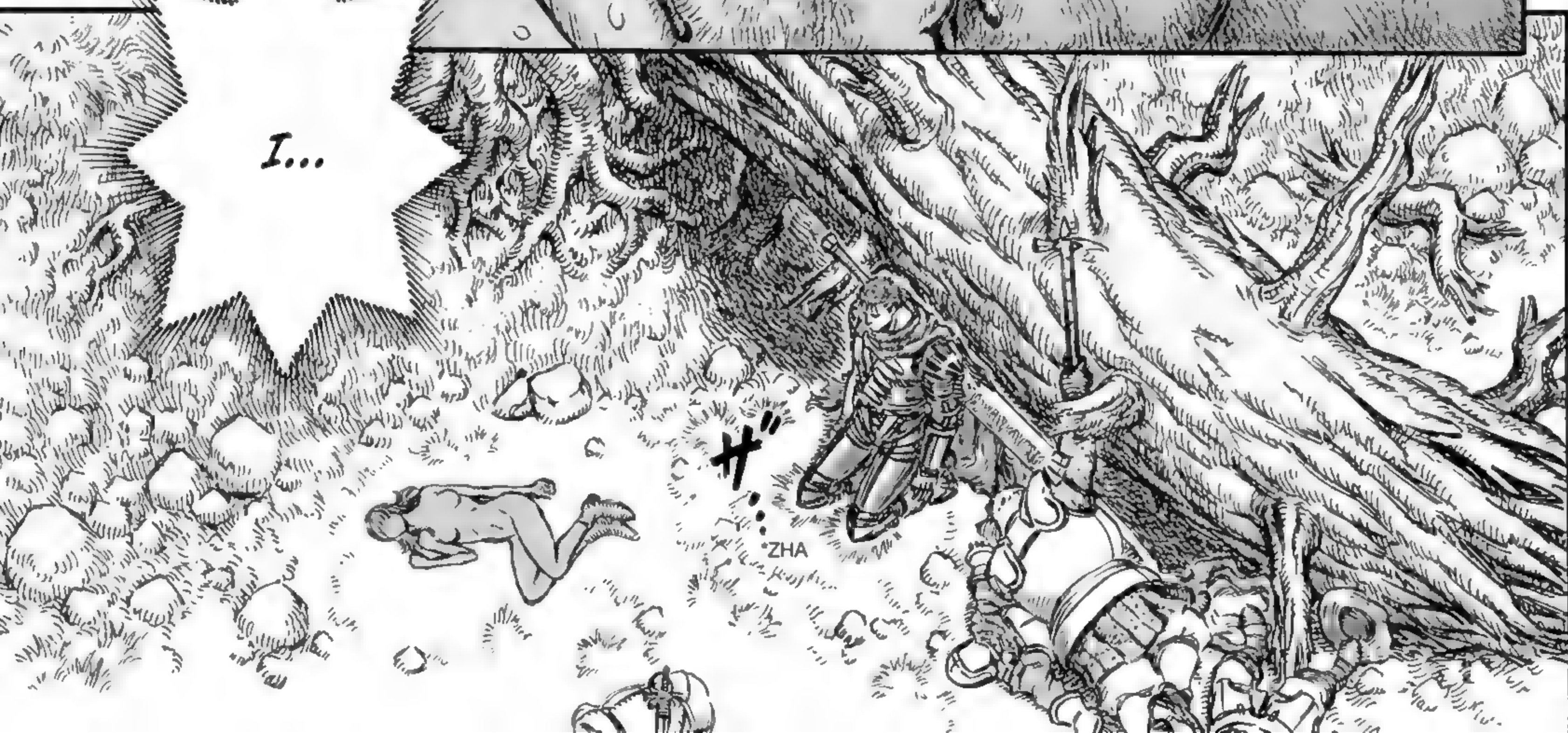
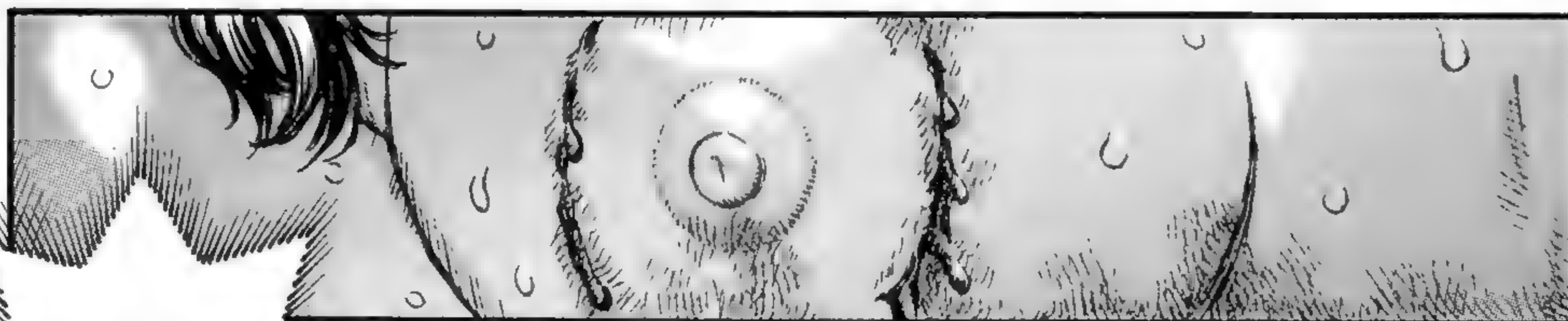
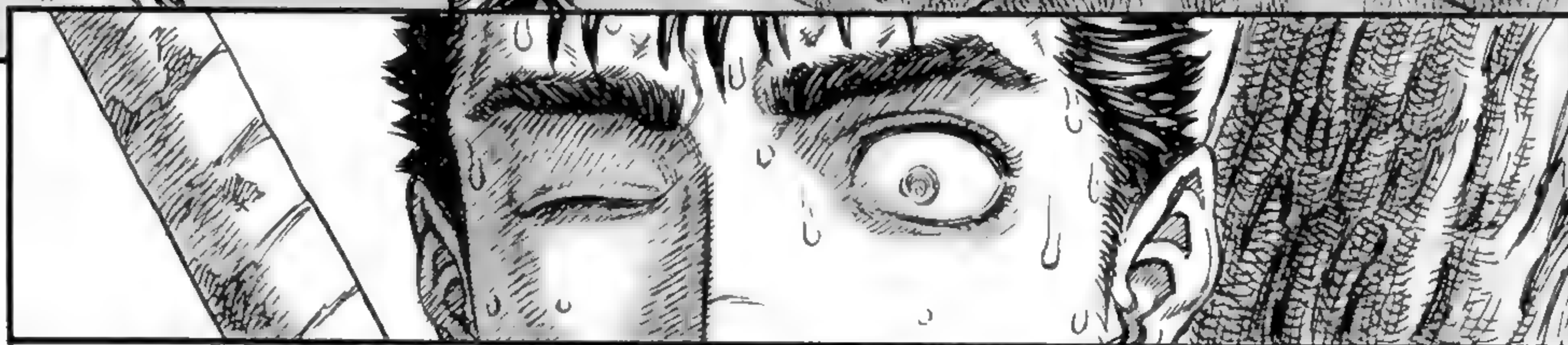
**MAKE
EVERYTHING...**





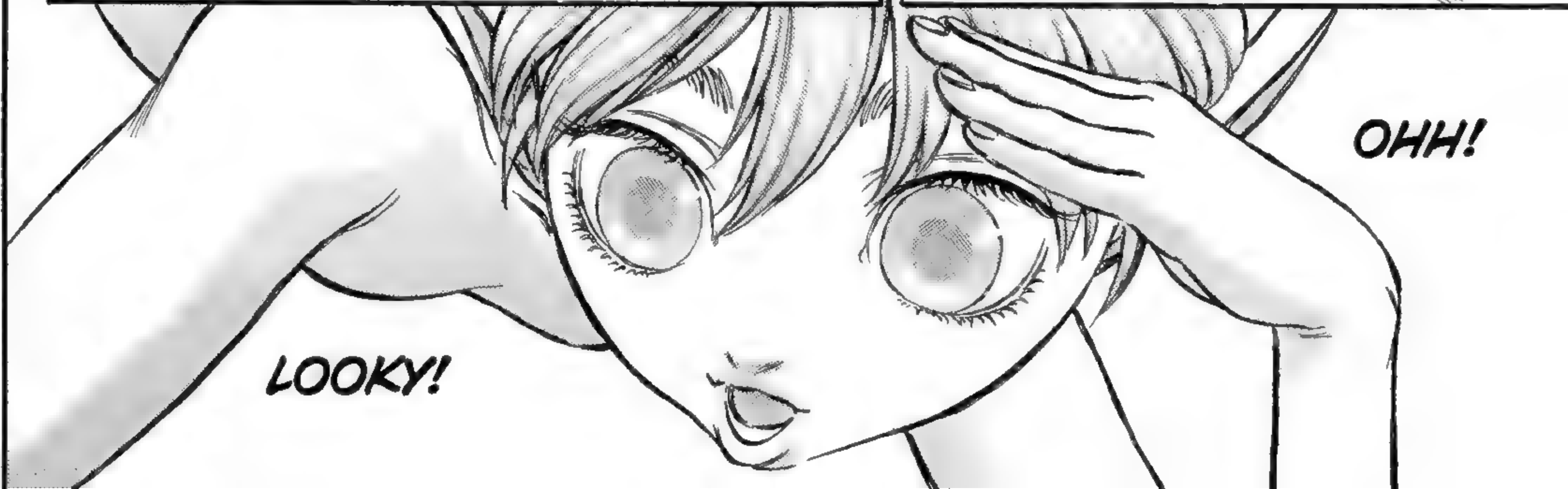
*FX CHOMP







*FX: DMP DMP DMP





*DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP



AH...
AH
FOND
YUUU
!!

AHH,
PUCK
!!

*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP



HOURSE I HID!
'EN 'OOKIN'
FER OUU!
NE'ER 'OUGHT
YOU'D 'E 'ERE!

SOOO,
BEEN A WHILE.
YOU SURVIVED?



HEY,
DROPEY
!

IF IT
AIN'T
DROPEY
!



EATIN', TALKIN',
OR RUNNIN'.
GOTTA PICK
ONE.

HA'D
HOLLOW
'IM, HAHEE,
'OO 'E,
HEEHEE,
'E 'O'
D'EARTH,
FUHEE,
FER 'AT 'EE
OWES MUH,
HOHEEHEE.

*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP

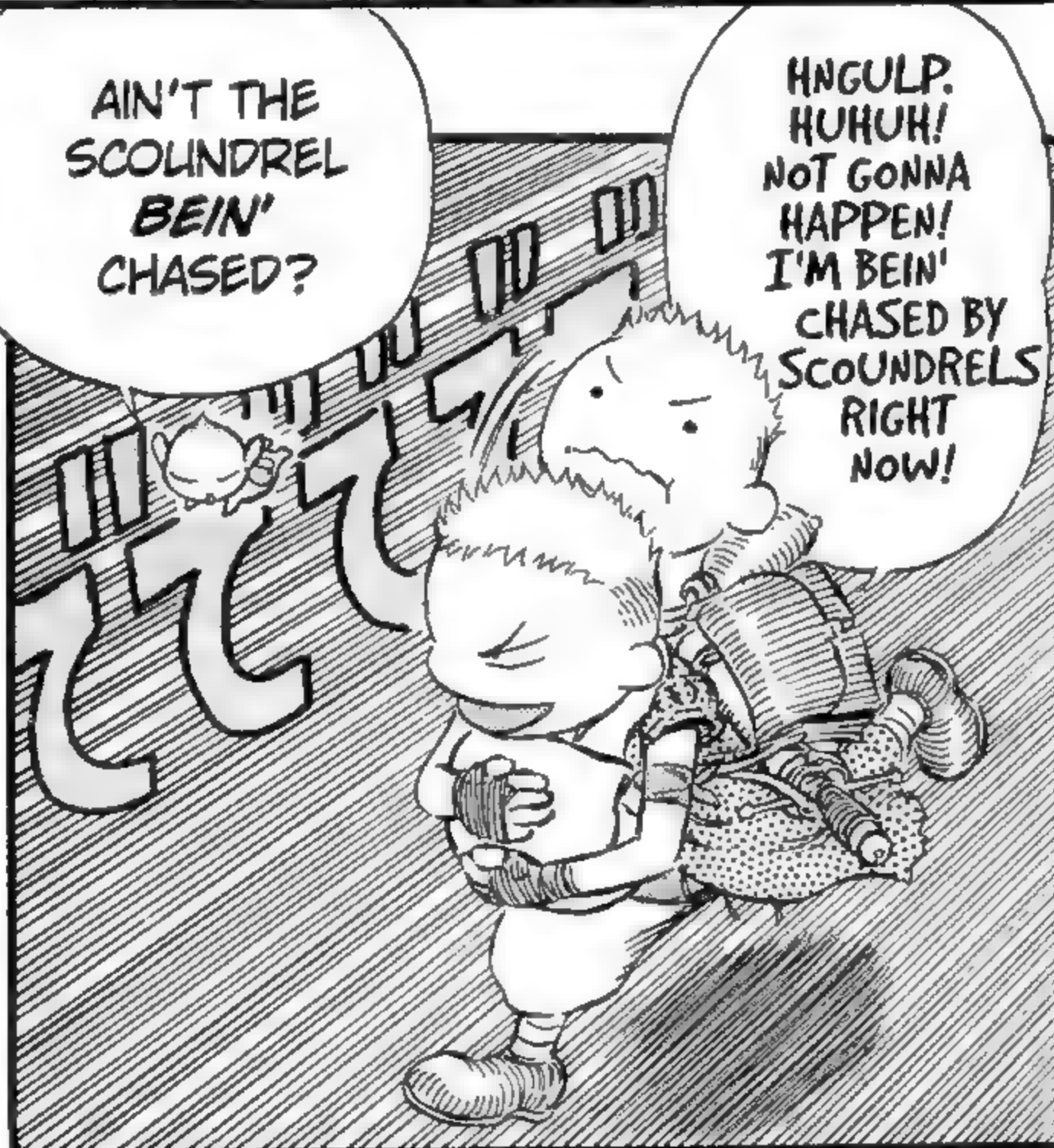


LAME-
BRAIN!

ALL I
DID WAS
CARRY
STUFF OUT
OF KINDNESS
FOR SOME
PEOPLE I
KNOW!

BUT WHEN
IT COMES TO
SKINFLINTS
LIKE THEM...

*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP



AIN'T THE
SCOUNDREL
BEIN'
CHASED?

HNGULP.
HUHUH!
NOT GONNA
HAPPEN!
I'M BEIN'
CHASED BY
SCOUNDRELS
RIGHT
NOW!

*FX: DMP DMP DMP DMP DMP

*FX: HYN



*FX: HYN

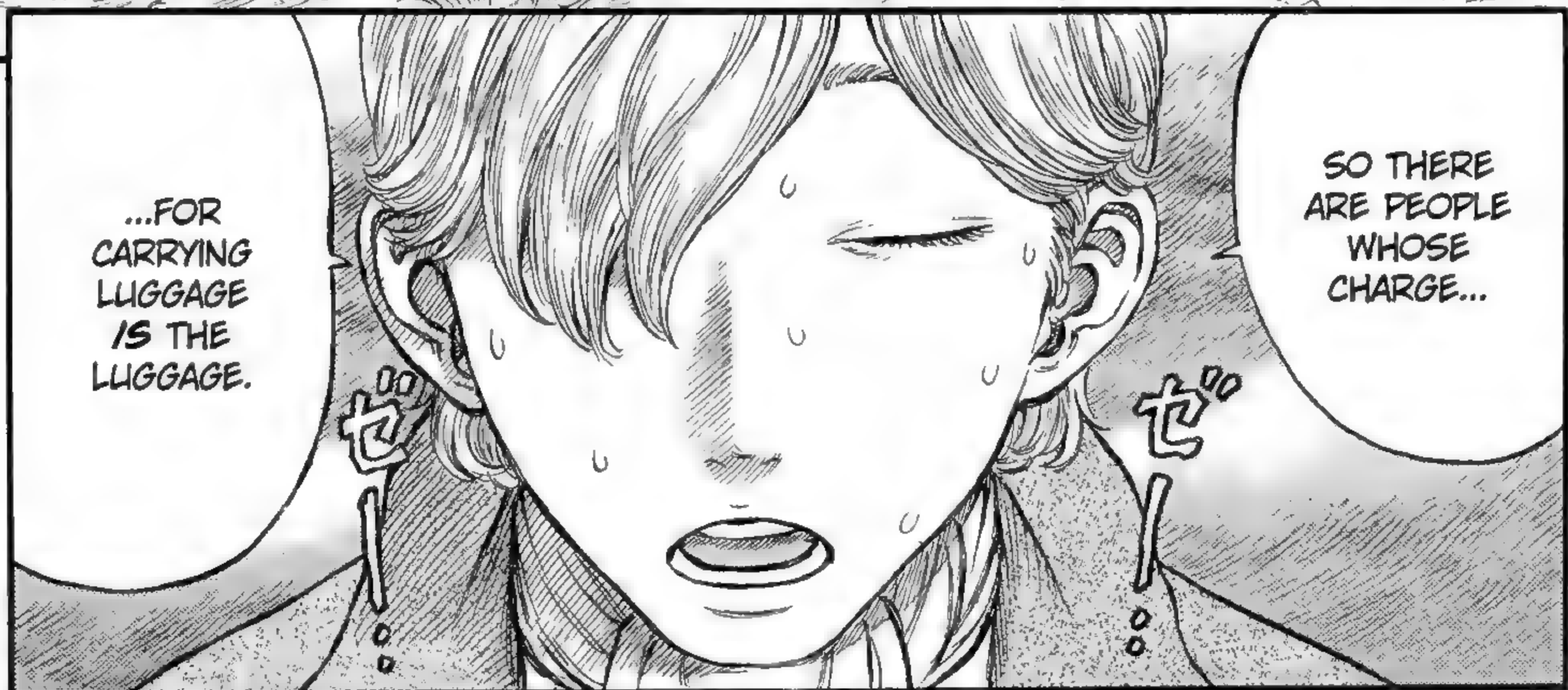
*FX: WHUMP



D'OH!



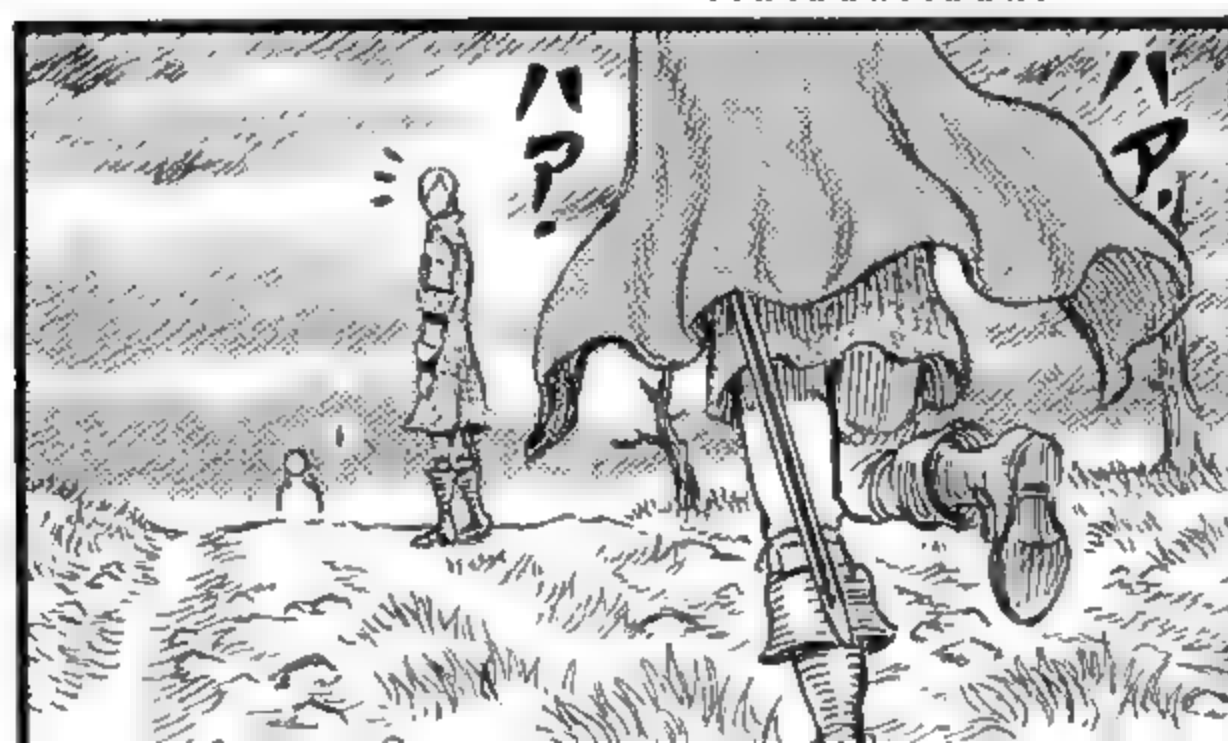
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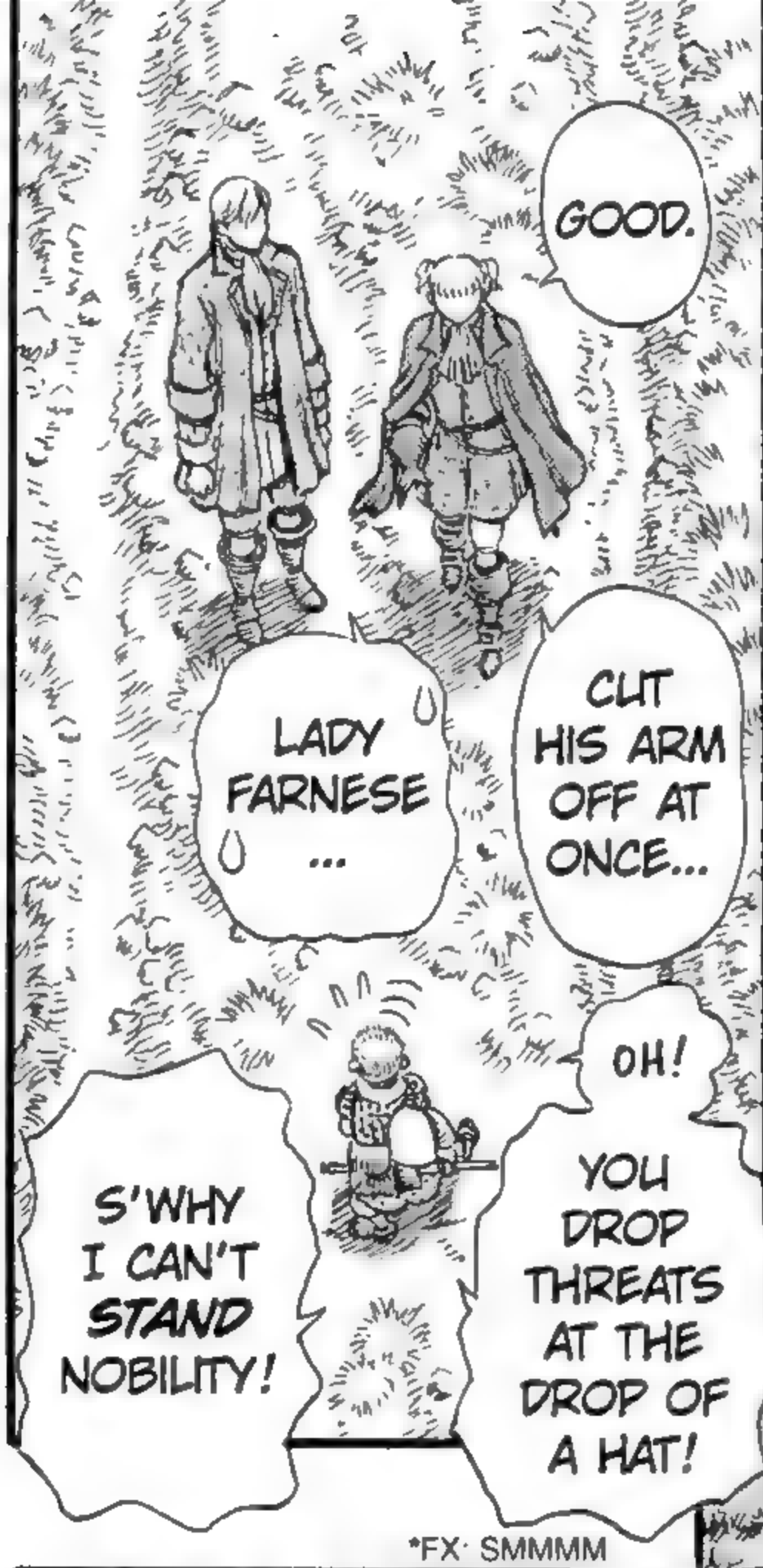


*FX: HEHH HEHH



*FX: HAHH HAHH





GOOD.

LADY FARNESE ...

CUT HIS ARM OFF AT ONCE...

OH!

YOU DROP THREATS AT THE DROP OF A HAT!

S'WHY I CAN'T STAND NOBILITY!

FX SMMMM



YOU STOLE FROM NOBILITY. SUCH PUNISHMENT IS MATTER OF...

... COURSE ...



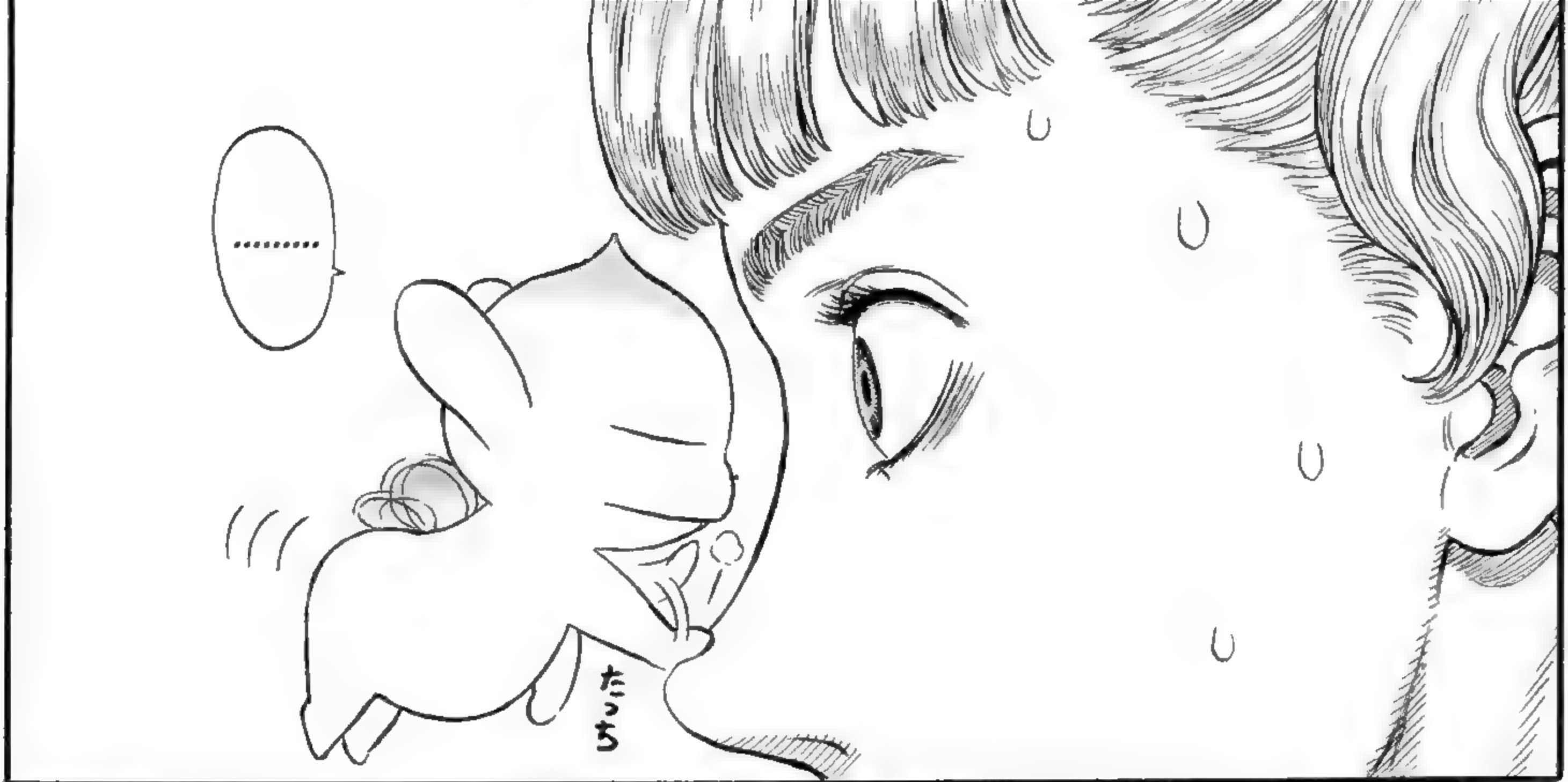
*HAHH

*HAHH

Y...
YOU CAUGHT HIM.

*HAHH

YA-HO!
CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?

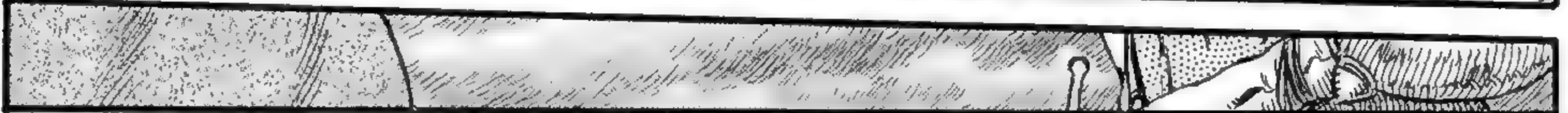
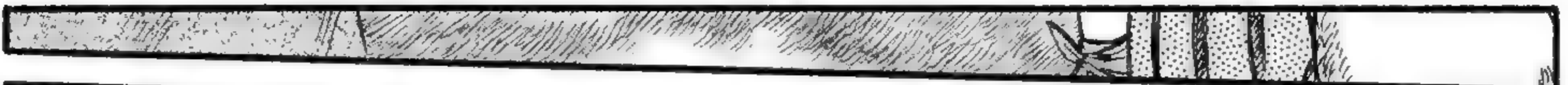


*FX: TOUCH



*FX: WHAP

*FX: PWUMP



...I
BROUGHT
ALONG
SOME
GUESTS.



...
THAT'S
WHY...

SO...



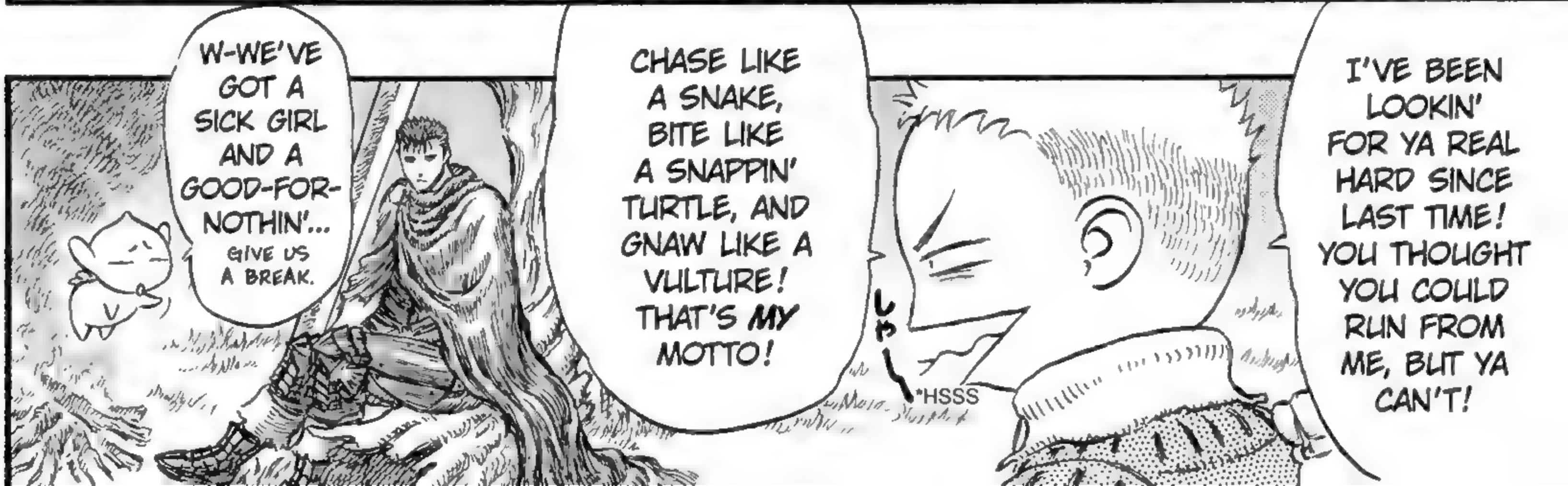
Yo!

Hi.



YOU GLYS.

.....

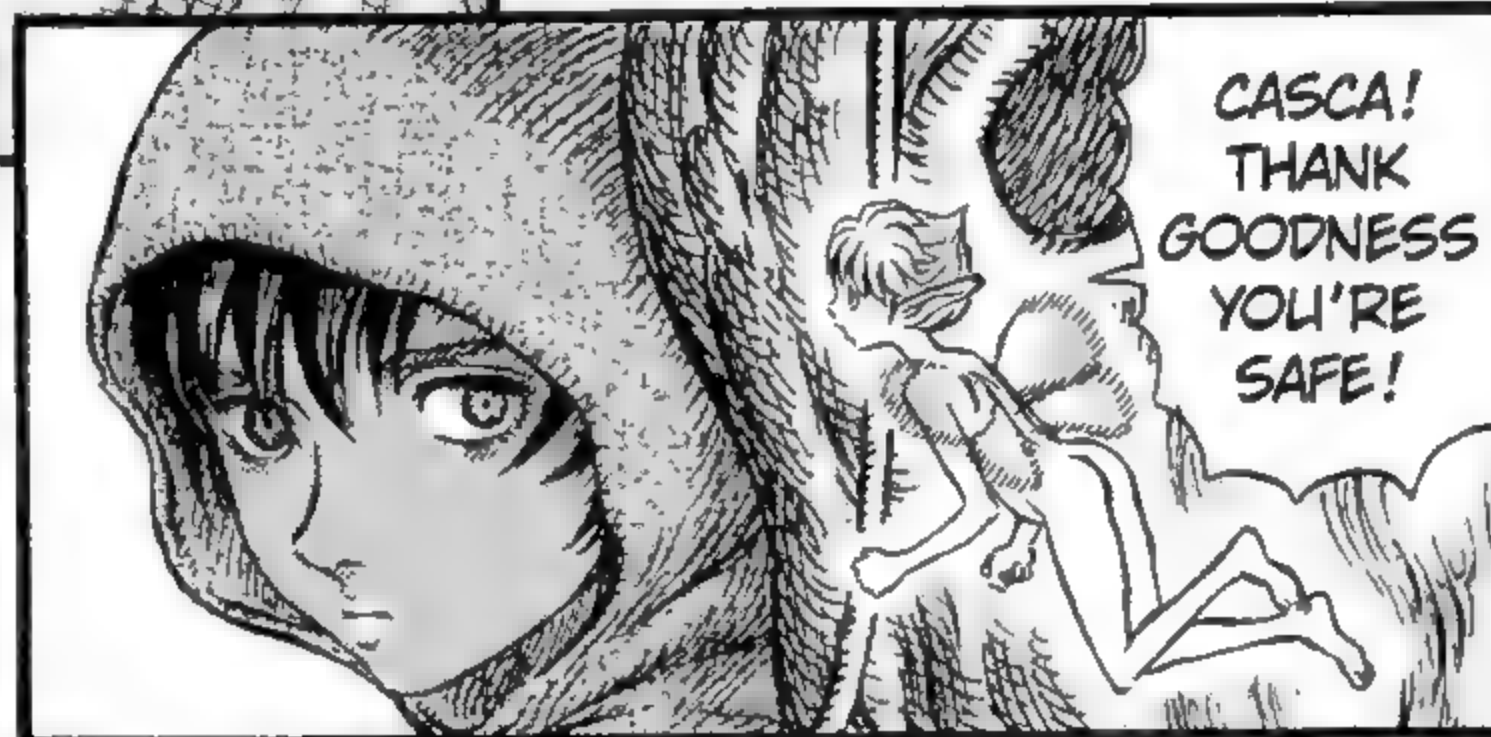
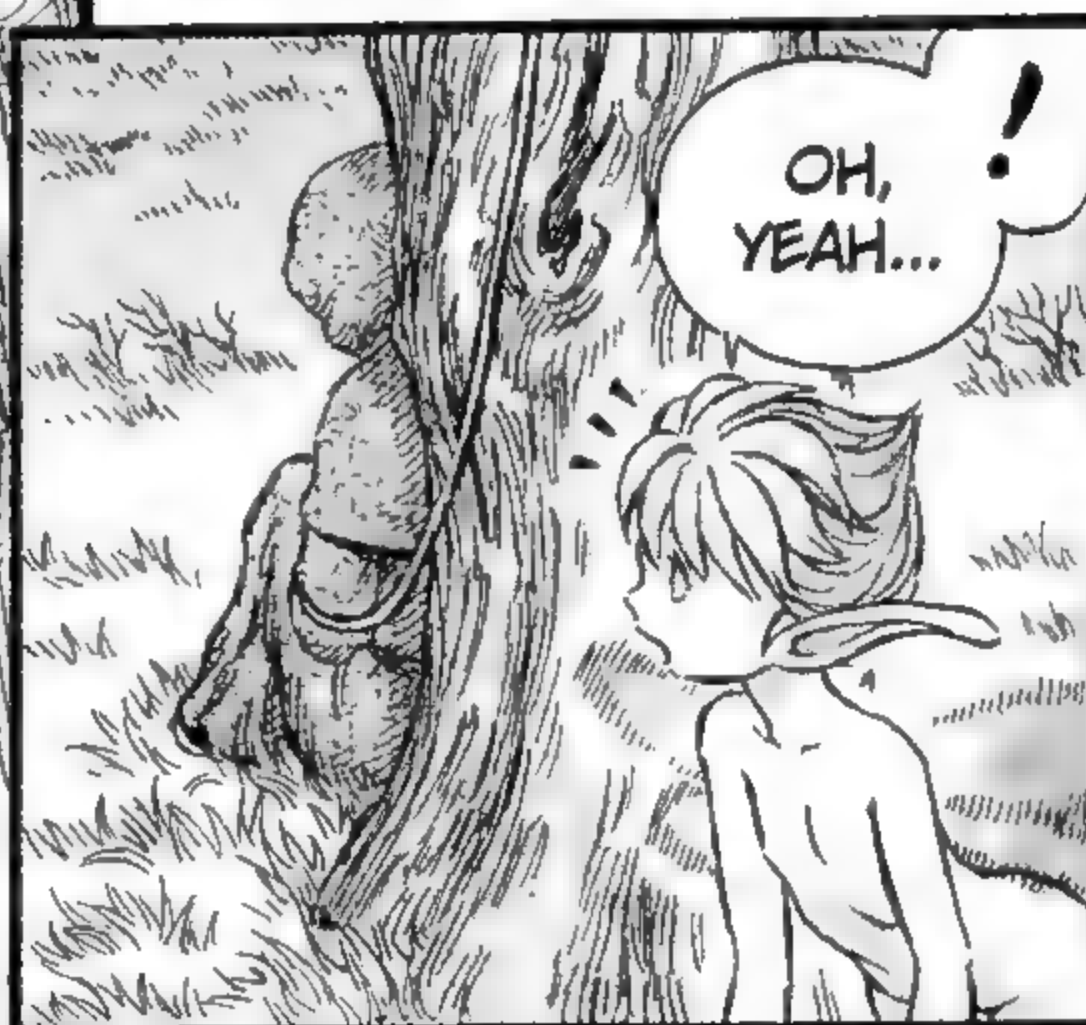


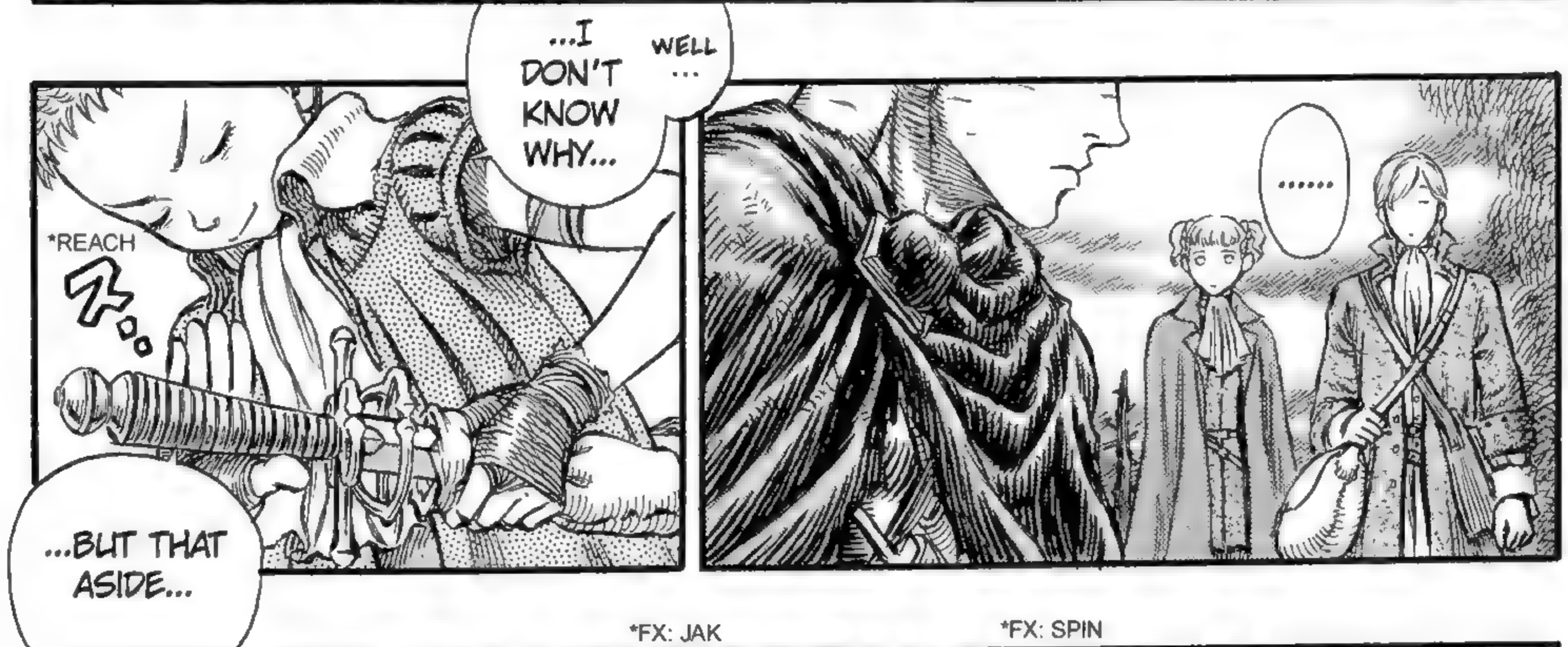
W-WE'VE GOT A SICK GIRL AND A GOOD-FOR-NOTHIN'... GIVE US A BREAK.

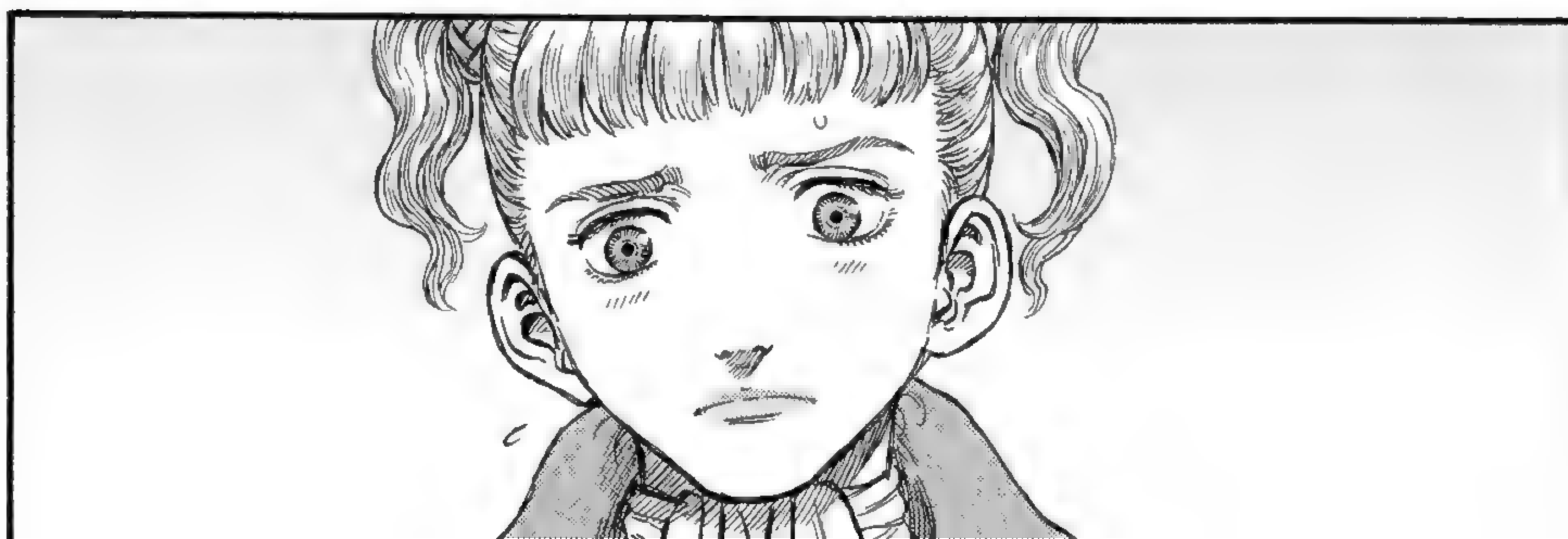
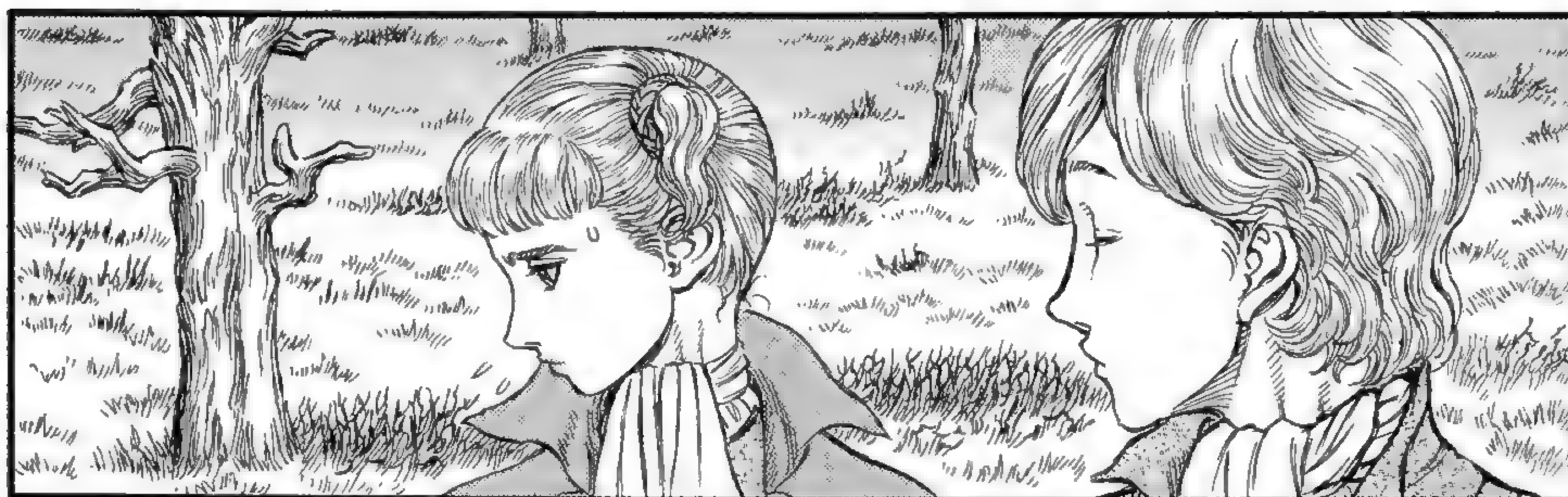
CHASE LIKE A SNAKE, BITE LIKE A SNAPPIN' TURTLE, AND GNAW LIKE A VULTURE! THAT'S MY MOTTO!

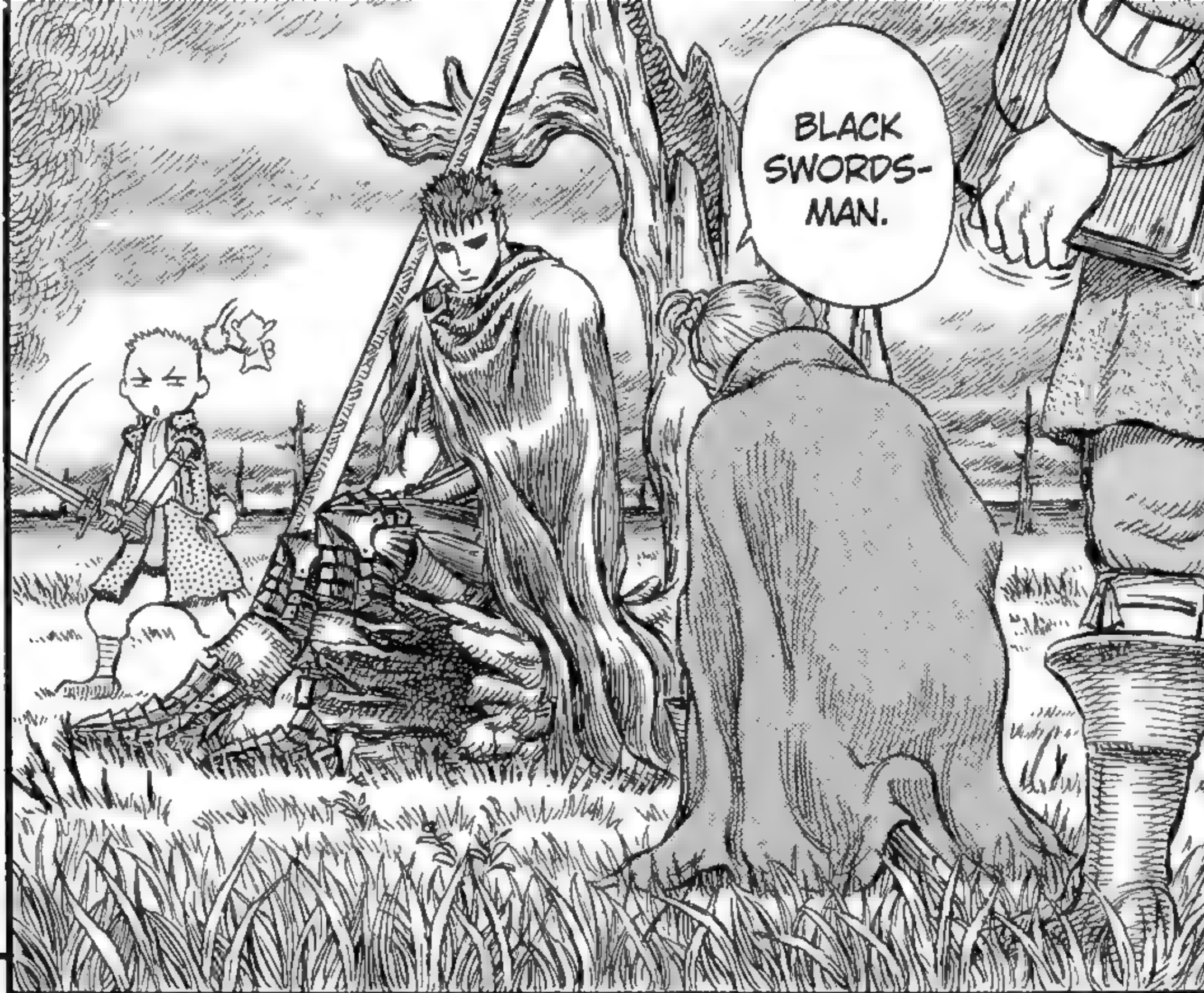
*HSSS

I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YA REAL HARD SINCE LAST TIME! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD RUN FROM ME, BLT YA CAN'T!





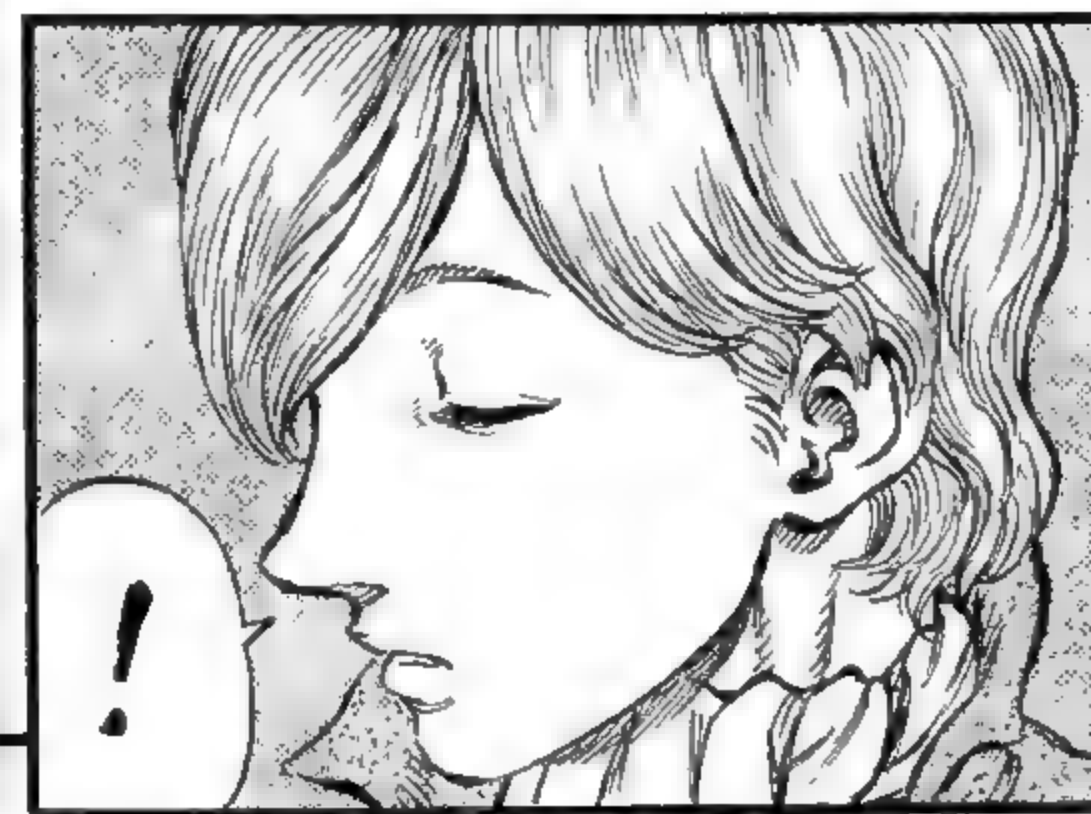




BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN.



*FX: ZHA



!



...ACCOMPANY
YOU IN YOUR
TRAVELS.



PLEASE
ALLOW US
TO...



FANGS OF EGO: END



PLEASE
ALLOW US TO
ACCOMPANY
YOU IN YOUR
TRAVELS.

荒れ野の再会

WILDERNESS REUNION





THE TRUTH.

I WANT TO KNOW...

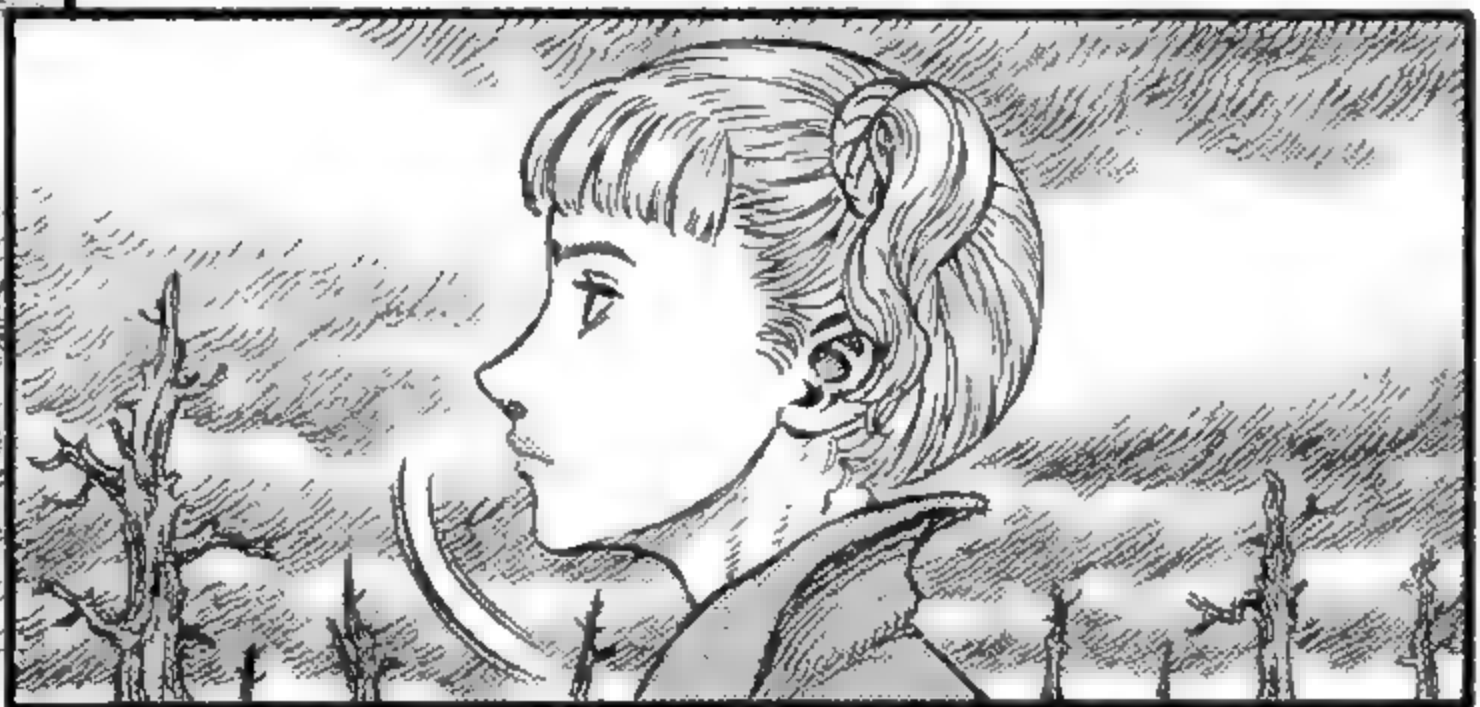
...WHAT TRANSCENDS THE ORDER I CLUNG TO.



LIKE WE TRUST YOU! OR ANYTHING NOBLES SAY!

OR THIEVES.

I HAVE ALREADY SECULARIZED MYSELF AND ABANDONED THE CHURCH.

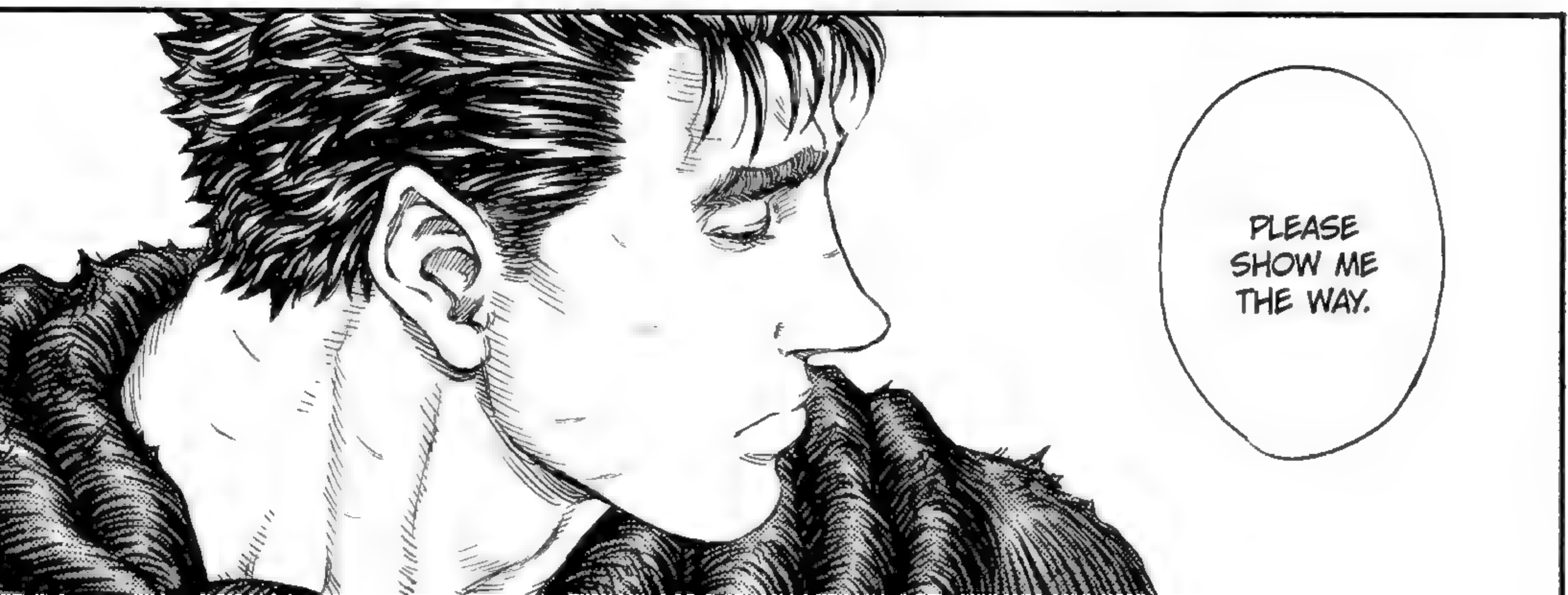


FROM YOU...

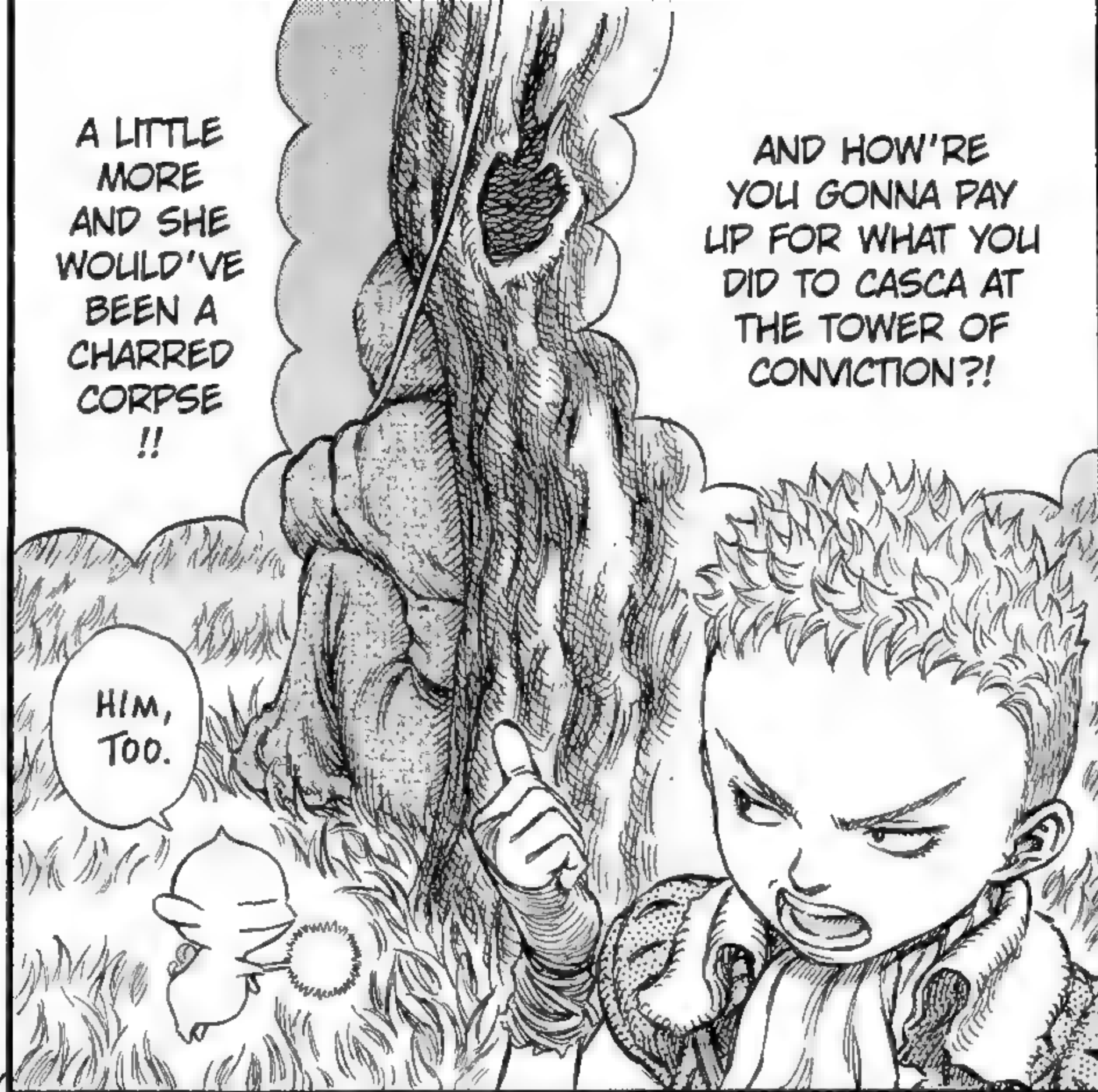
...A WAY TO SURVIVE IN THE DARKNESS...

...WHERE THE LIGHT OF THAT ORDER DOES NOT REACH.

AND I WANT TO LEARN...



PLEASE SHOW ME THE WAY.



A LITTLE MORE AND SHE WOULD'VE BEEN A CHARRED CORPSE !!

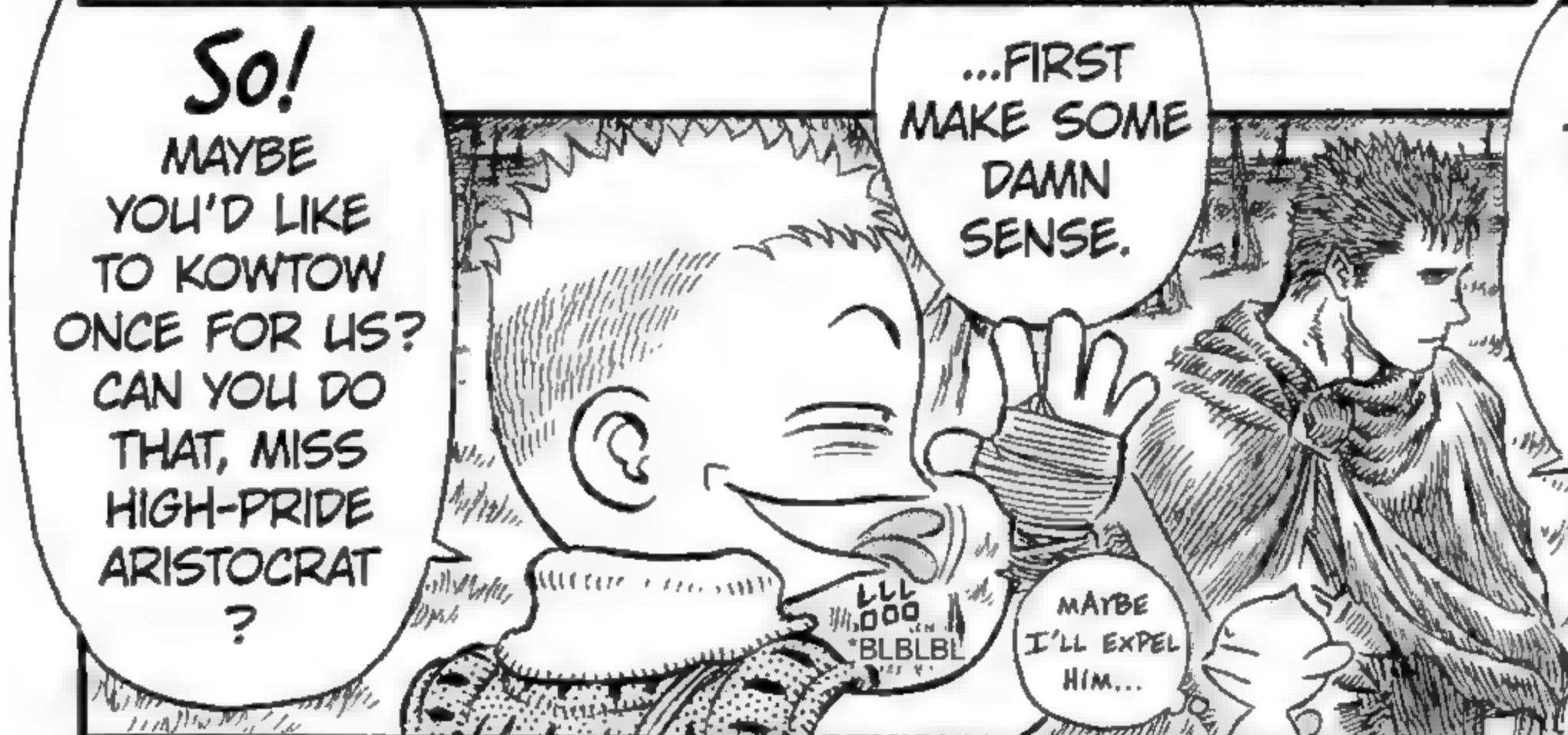
AND HOW'RE YOU GONNA PAY UP FOR WHAT YOU DID TO CASCA AT THE TOWER OF CONVICTION?!

HIM, TOO.



THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S TOO COMPLICATED !

EVEN IF YOU CONFUSE US BY SAYIN' COMPLICATED STUFF, IT AIN'T HAPPENIN'!

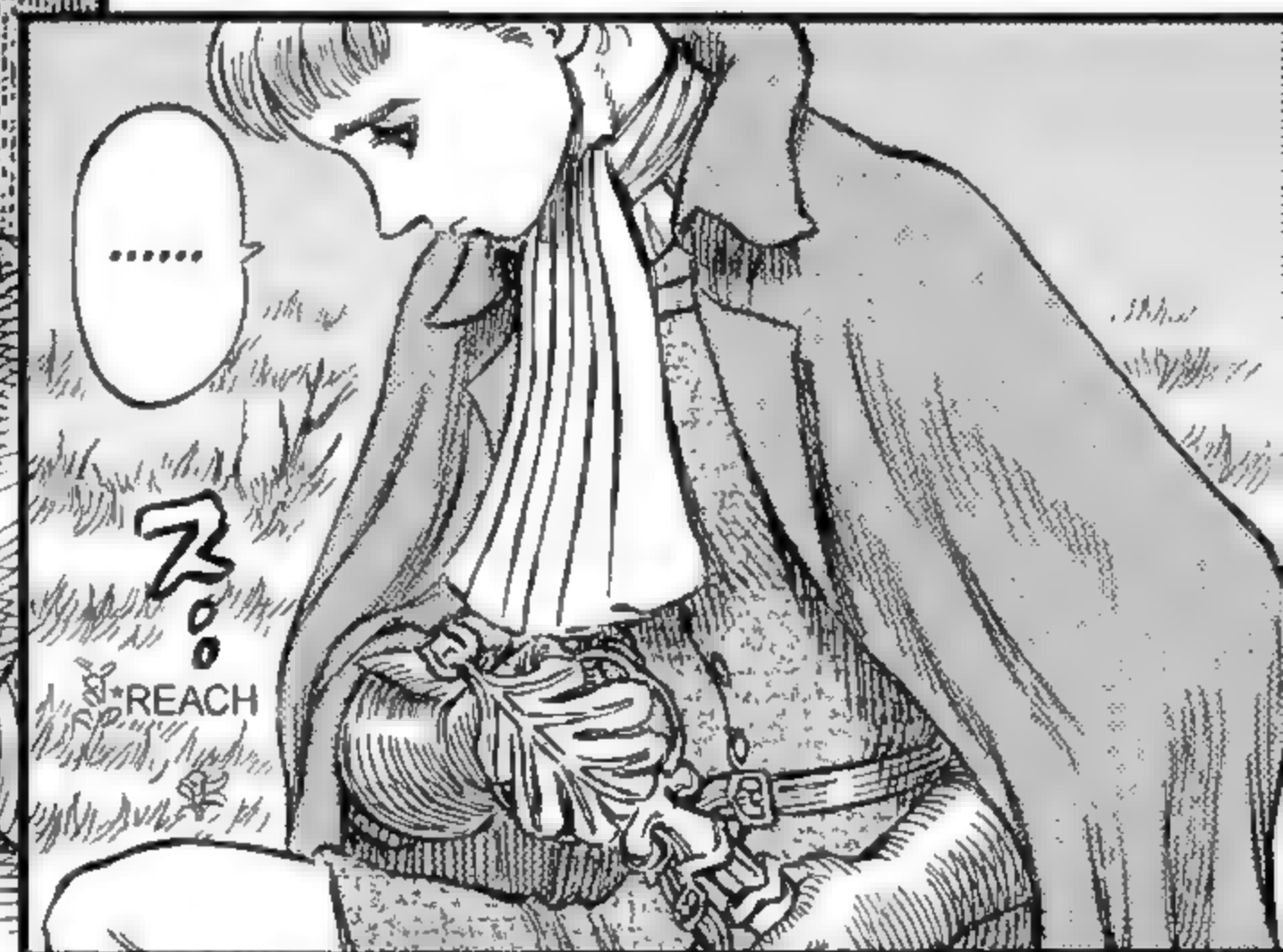
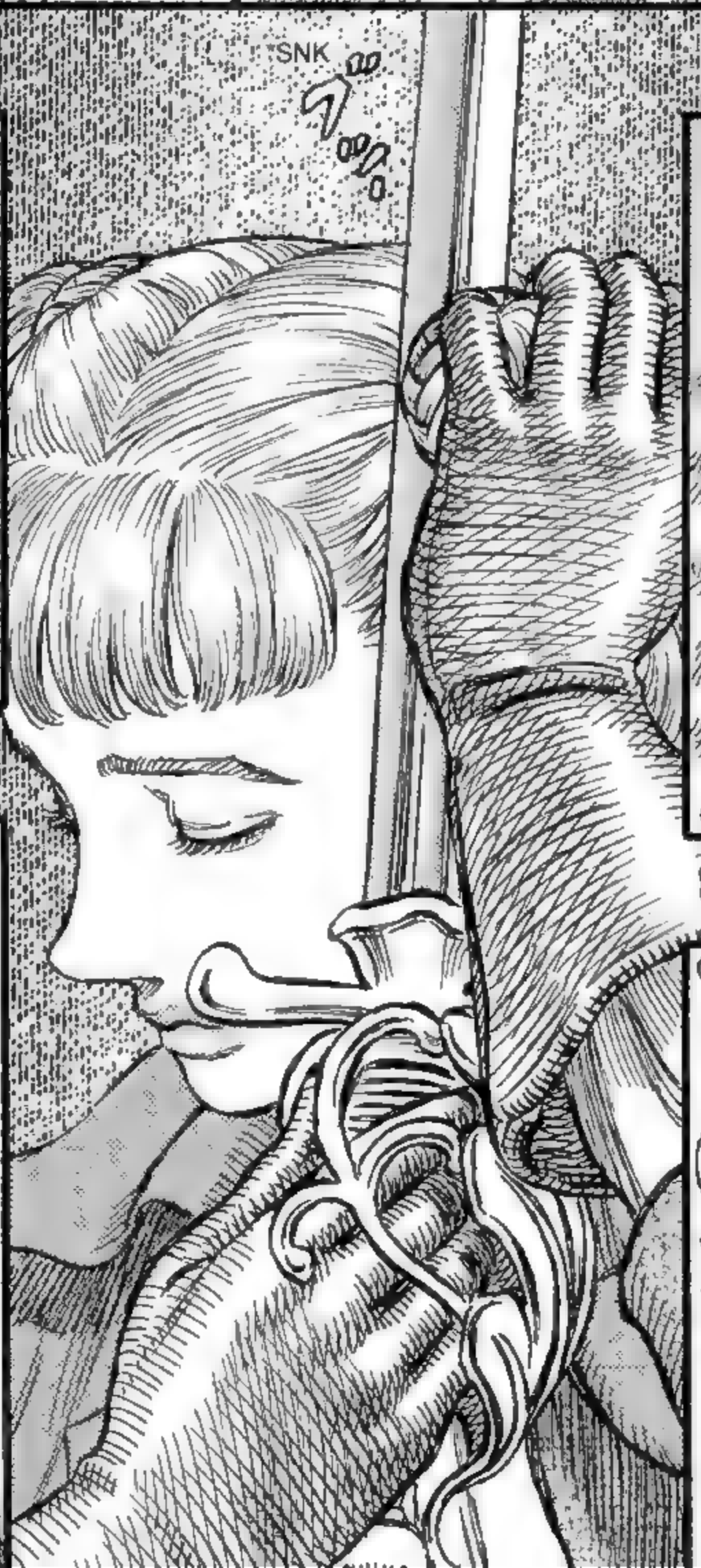
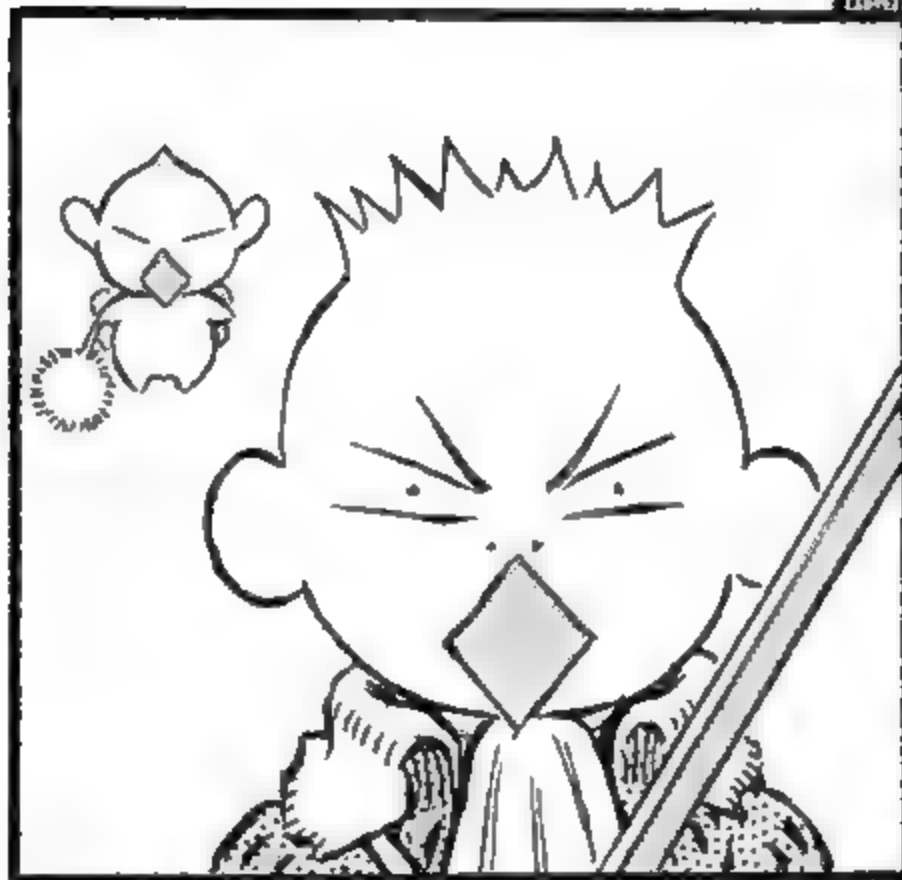


So! MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO KOWTOW ONCE FOR US? CAN YOU DO THAT, MISS HIGH-PRIDE ARISTOCRAT ?

...FIRST MAKE SOME DAMN SENSE.

MAYBE I'LL EXPEL HIM...

IF YES-TERDAY'S ENEMIES ARE TODAY'S FRIENDS ...



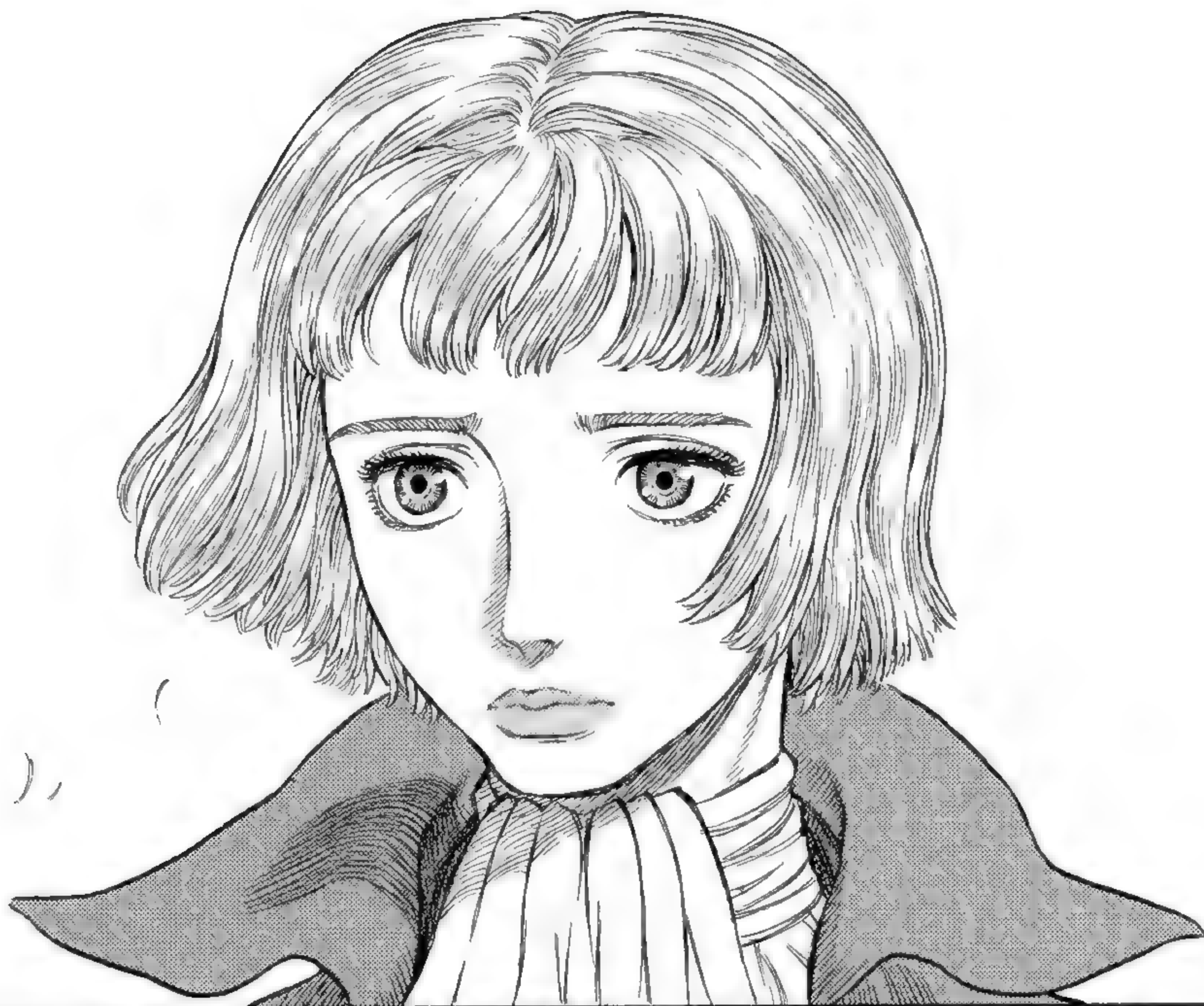
OH-HOHH?! YOU WANNA FIGHT?! F-F-F-FINE BY ME!!



LITTLE PUNK

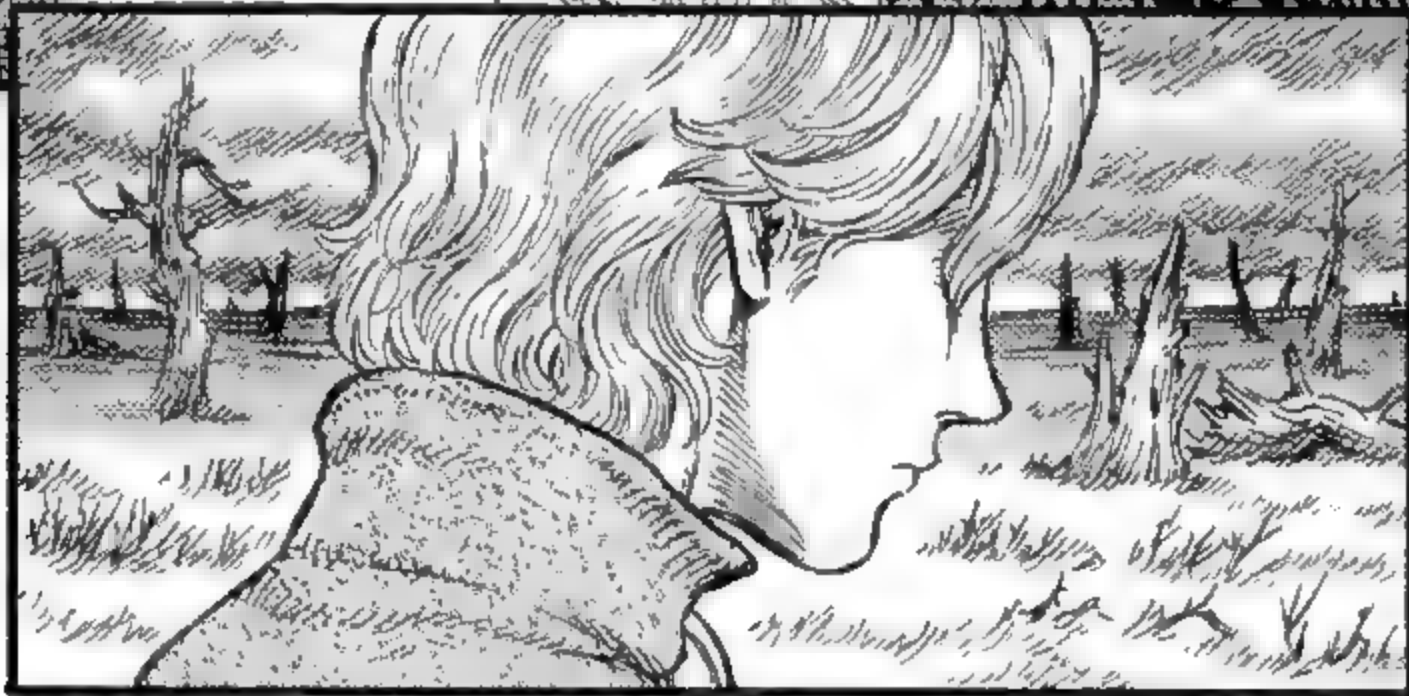
FLINCH

CHAK



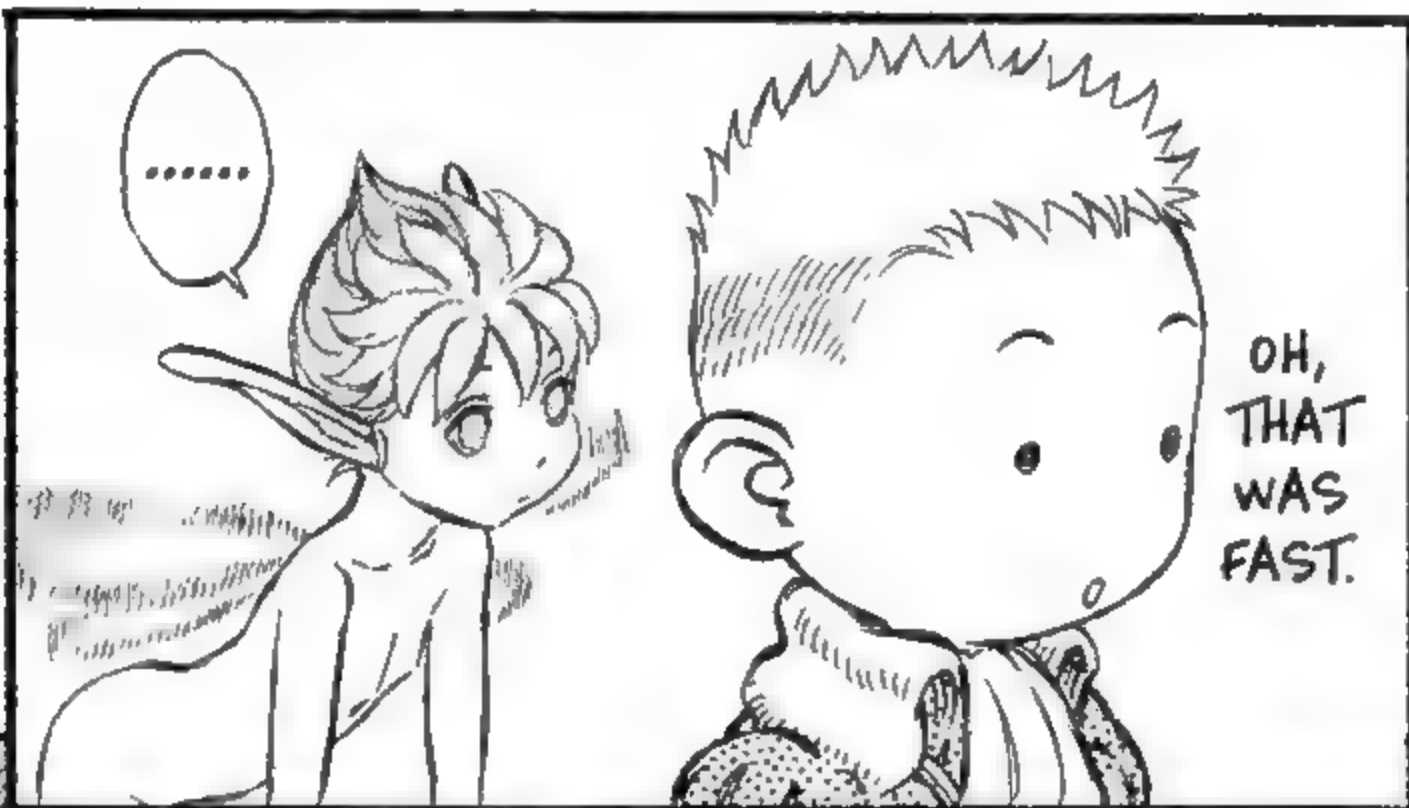


DO WHAT
YOU WANT.



ALL
RIGHT
THEN...

ALL...



OH,
THAT
WAS
FAST.



WE'RE
EVEN.

I'VE
KILLED YOUR
COMRADES.

AND I
DON'T NEED
PAYBACK OR
APOLOGIES.



BUT
FORGET ME
SHOWING YOU
"THE WAY."

THAT
AIN'T MY
STYLE.



THANK
YOU...

I WON'T
BOTHER
YOU IF
YOU DON'T
BOTHER
ME.

...BUT
DO IT
YOUR-
SELF.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT IT
IS YOU
WANT TO
LEARN...



YOU MIGHT
REGRET
THIS BY
TOMORROW
MORNING.

IT'S
STILL TOO
SOON FOR
THAT.



...YOU
WON'T HAVE
ANY MORE
RESTFUL
NIGHTS.

GOING
WITH US
MEANS...



TH-THAT'S
WHAT I'M
TALKIN'
ABOUT!!

OH YEAH?!
YOU MEAN
WE'LL FIND
MORE
GHOSTS AND
MONSTERS
?!

FOR GUTS
TO ACCEPT
OTHER
PEOPLE THAT
READILY...

SOMETHIN'S
ODD...



THE
NIGHT'S
LONG.

WELL
...WE'LL ...
SEE
ABOUT
THAT.

YEAH
H
H
H!!!



.....

IF IT WAS
THE USUAL
ME, I'D BE
REFUSING
THEM
OUTRIGHT.

IF I WAS
ALONE...

...THIS
TIME
I GIVE
UP.

HONESTLY...

I'M
SHUDDERING
AT...

FOR
THE FIRST
TIME...

WHY'RE
YOU
GIVIN'
ORDERS?

EVERYONE
GATHER UP
FIREWOOD.
WE GOTTA KEEP
IT GOIN' ALL
NIGHT.

...I'M
COUNTING ON
COMPLETE
STRANGERS
FOR HELP.

...MY OWN
SINISTERNESS.

...BY MY OWN
POWERLESSNESS.

I'M BEATEN
DOWN...



...THE LAST
TIME SHE
SMILED?

WHEN
WAS...

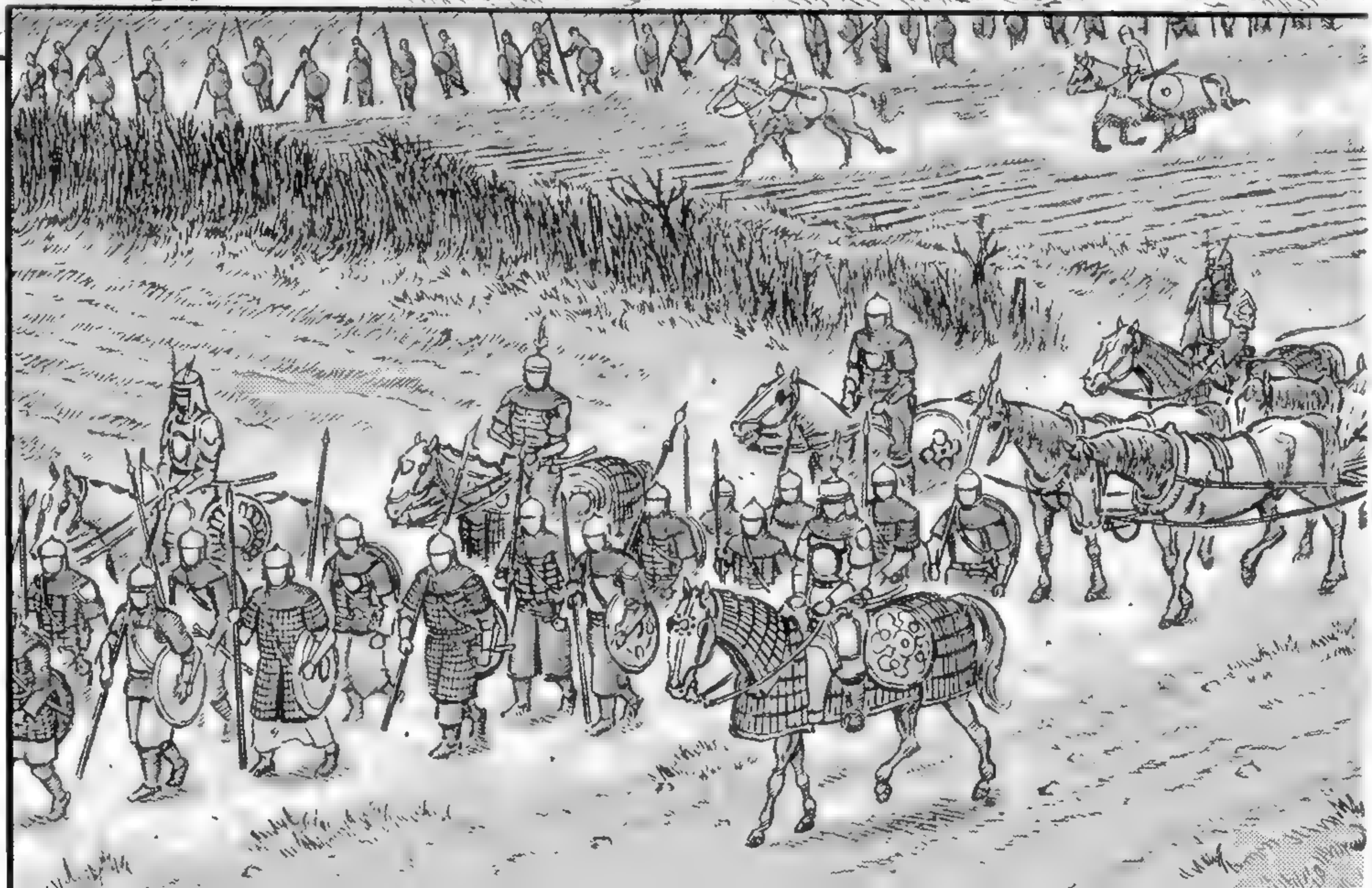
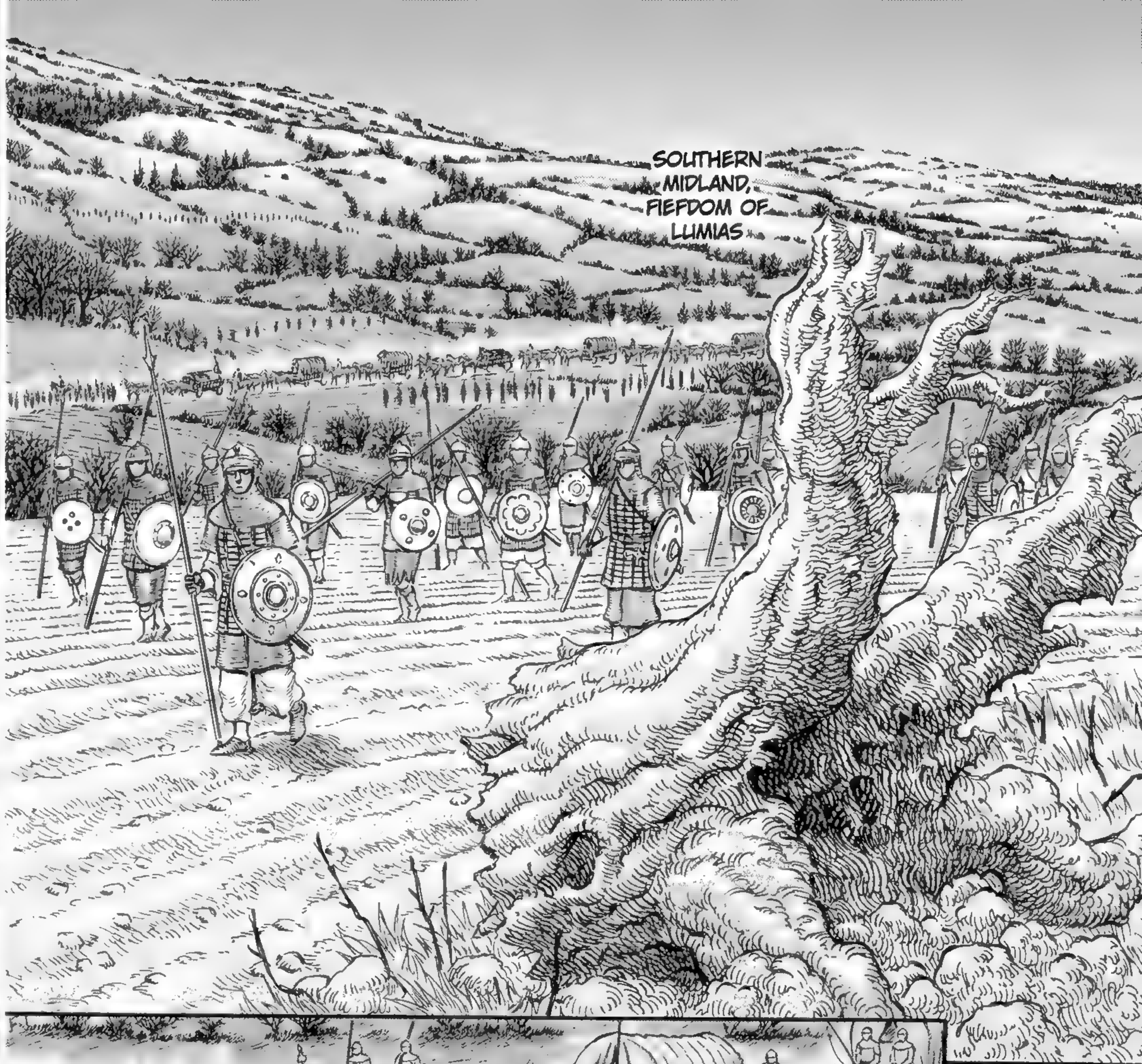




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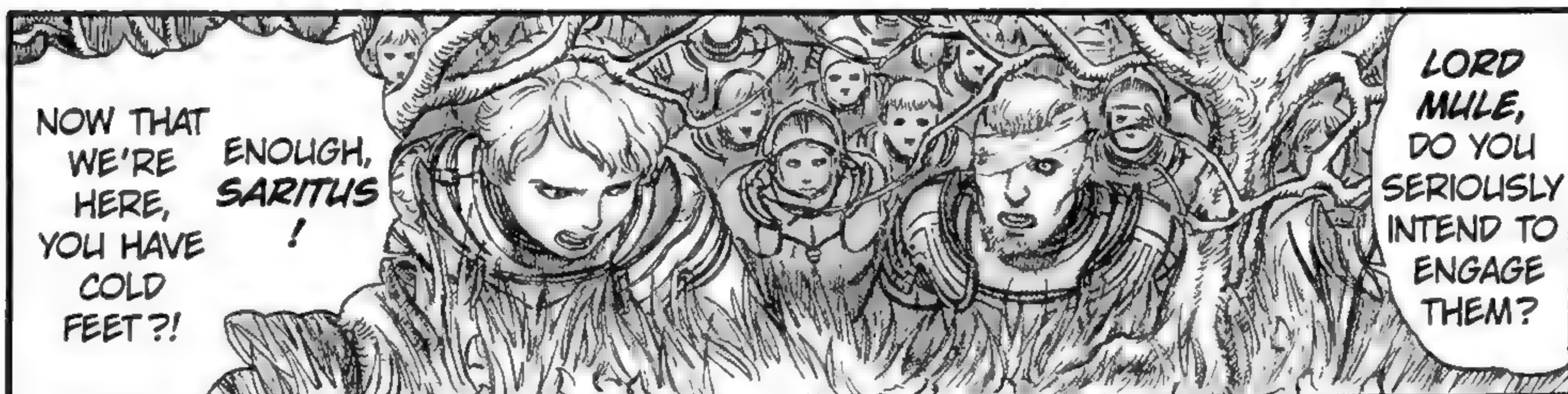


...THE CURTAIN
OF NIGHT
DESCENDS.





THEY PLAN DAMN
TO CARRY OFF IT!
EVERYTHING!



NOW THAT
WE'RE ENOUGH,
HERE, **SARITUS**!
YOU HAVE
COLD
FEET?!

**LORD
MULE,**
DO YOU
SERIOUSLY
INTEND TO
ENGAGE
THEM?

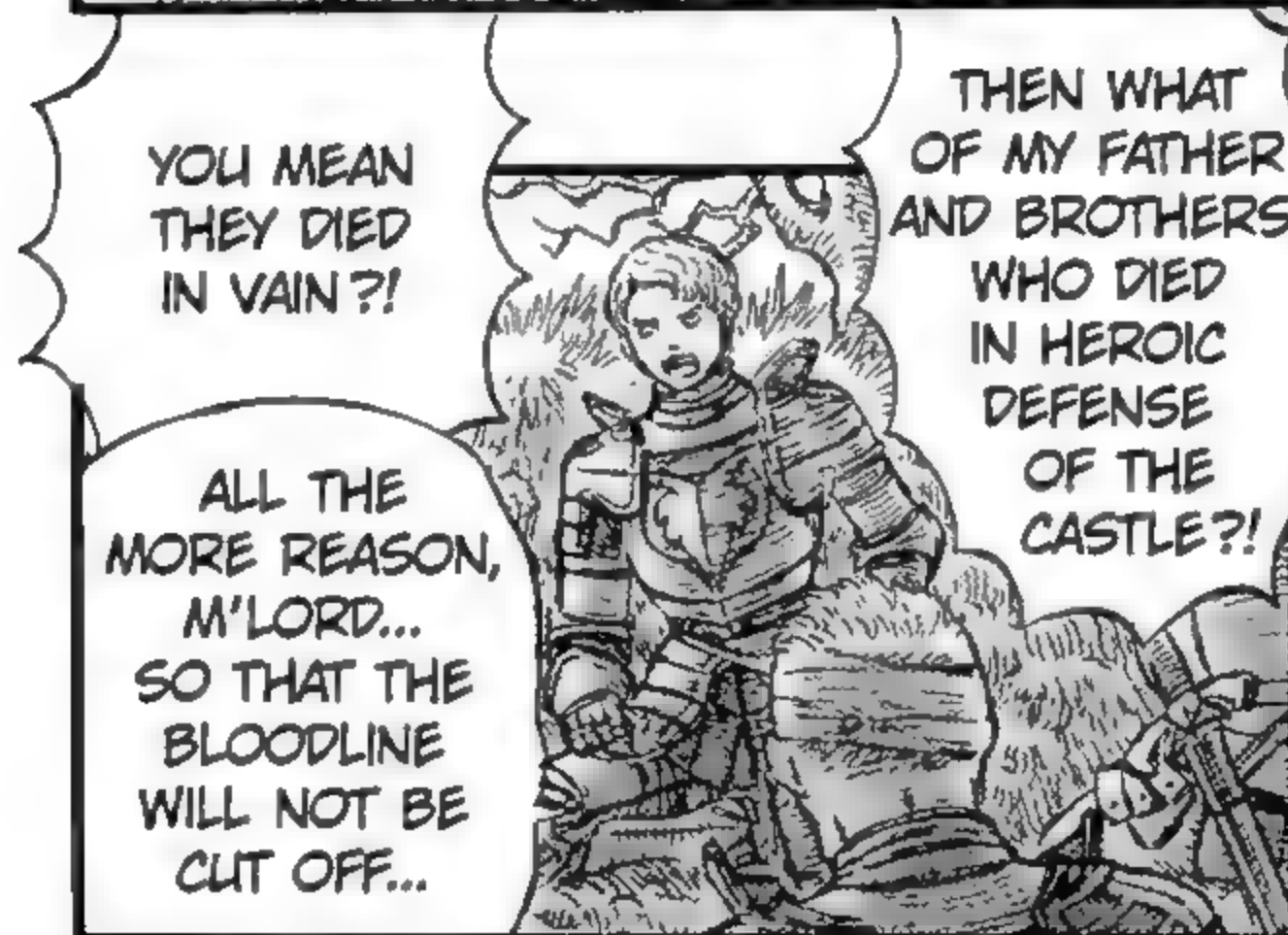


THERE IS
NO NEED FOR
US TO RISK
OUR LIVES
IN DUTY TO
THE ROYAL
FAMILY...

BUT LUMIAS IS
A SMALL FIEFDOM.
YOUR FAMILY
IS NOT EVEN
PERMITTED TO
ENTER THE
ROYAL
PALACE.

I COULD
NEVER
FACE THE
ROYAL
FAMILY!!

STANDING BACK,
WATCHING
THEM VIOLATE
OUR LAND,
IS THE ULTIMATE
INSULT TO A
MEMBER OF
MIDLAND'S
NOBILITY!!



YOU MEAN
THEY DIED
IN VAIN?!

ALL THE
MORE REASON,
M'LORD...
SO THAT THE
BLOODLINE
WILL NOT BE
CUT OFF...

THEN WHAT
OF MY FATHER
AND BROTHERS,
WHO DIED
IN HEROIC
DEFENSE
OF THE
CASTLE?!



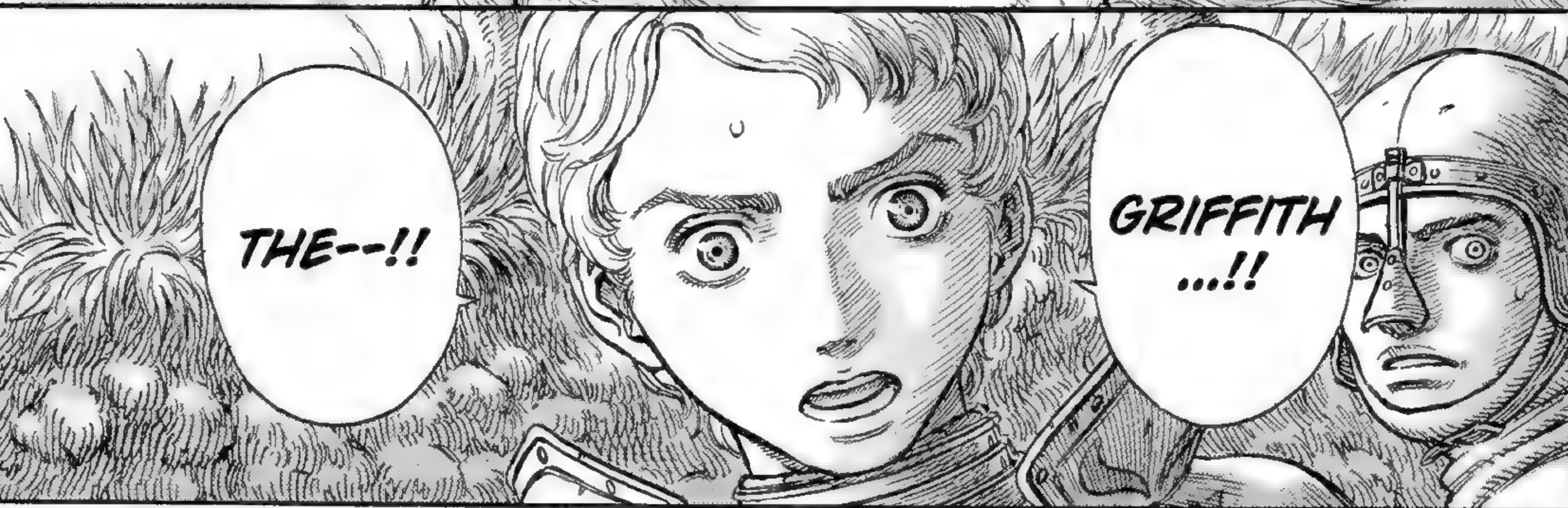
...GOING AROUND,
LIBERATING
VARIOUS AREAS
FROM THE
KUSHAN WITHIN
OCCUPIED
MIDLAND...

I HEARD
THIS FROM
MY LORD
WHILE HE
WAS ALIVE...
THAT
THERE IS A
RESISTANCE
FORCE...



IT IS SAID THAT
COMMANDING THEM
IS OUR HERO AND
SAVIOR FROM THE
HUNDRED-YEAR
WAR.

THE WHITE
HAWK,
COUNT
GRIFFITH.



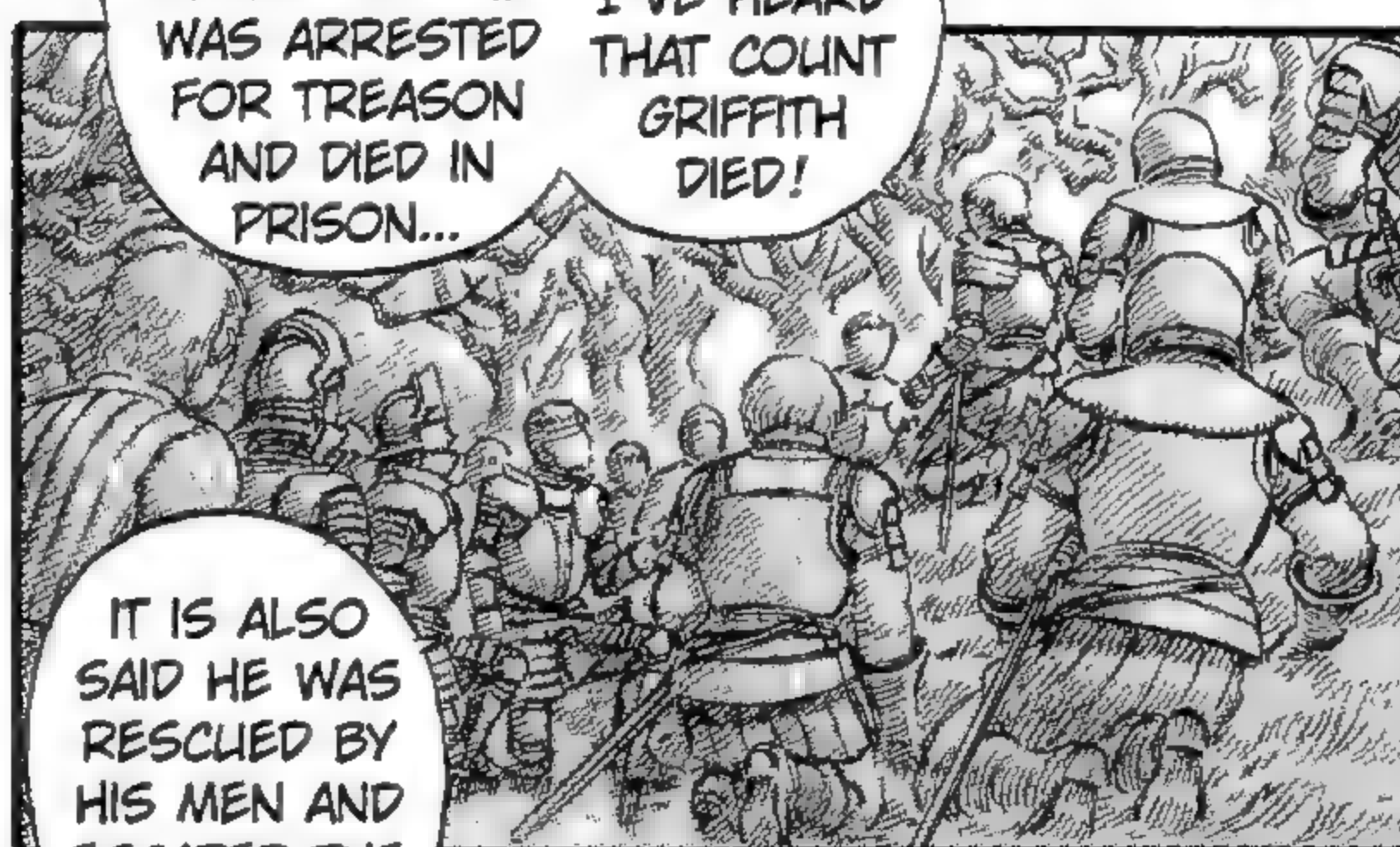
THE--!!

GRIFFITH
...!!



...PERHAPS IT
WOULD BE MORE
PRUDENT FOR
NOW TO ABANDON
THIS TERRITORY
AND UNITE OUR-
SELVES WITH THE
RESISTANCE
FORCE...

THE
DETAILS ARE
UNKNOWN...
BUT INSTEAD
OF GAMBLING
THE DOOM OF
YOUR FAMILY
ON THIS
RECKLESS
FIGHT...



THAT THREE
YEARS AGO HE
WAS ARRESTED
FOR TREASON
AND DIED IN
PRISON...

B-BUT
I'VE HEARD
THAT COUNT
GRIFFITH
DIED!

IT IS ALSO
SAID HE WAS
RESCUED BY
HIS MEN AND
ESCAPED THE
CAPITAL.



BUT IF
IT'S THE
TRUTH...

ISN'T IT
SIMPLY A
RUMOR...
?

THAT
WHITE
HAWK
IS...?

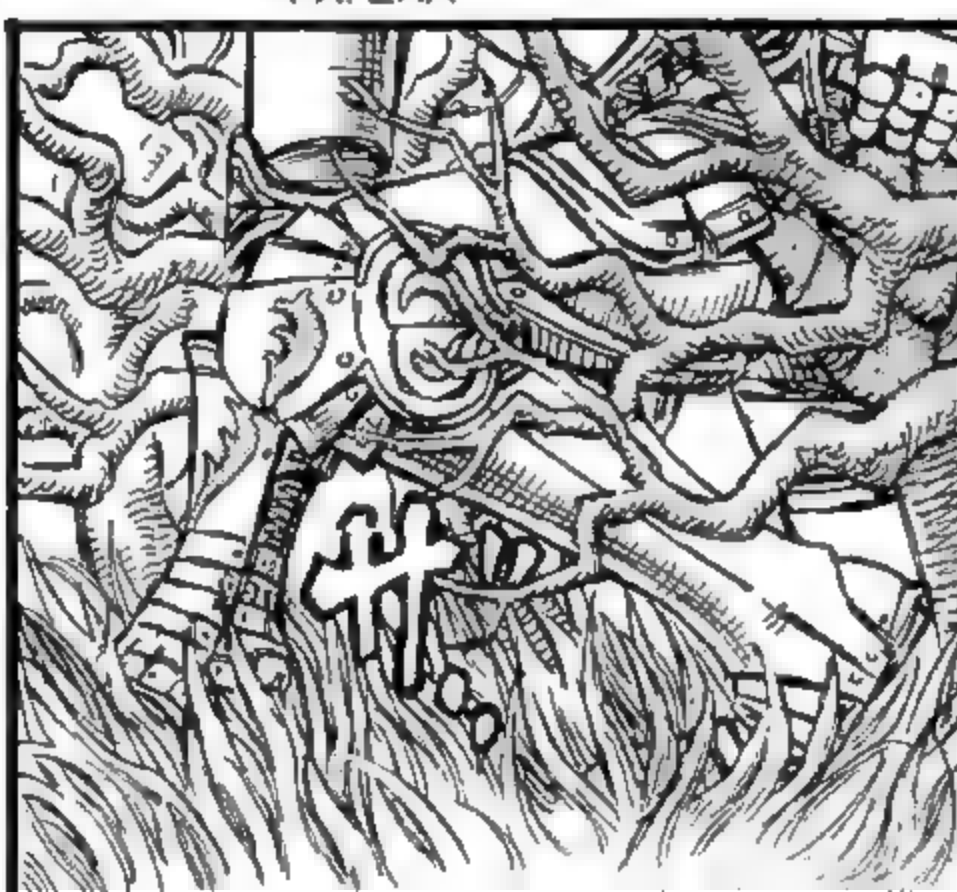


*FX: AGGHHHH



*FX: ZHA

*FX: SNCH



THIS ISN'T ABOUT ROYAL DEVOTION ...

...OR MY HONOR AS A NOBLE...

LORD MULE ...

THERE'S WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TOO!!

THOSE ARE OUR PEOPLE! THEY DON'T KNOW THE CASTLE FELL, AND ON THEIR WAY THERE THEY RAN INTO THE KUSHAN....!!





**RESCUE
OUR
SUBJECTS
!!**

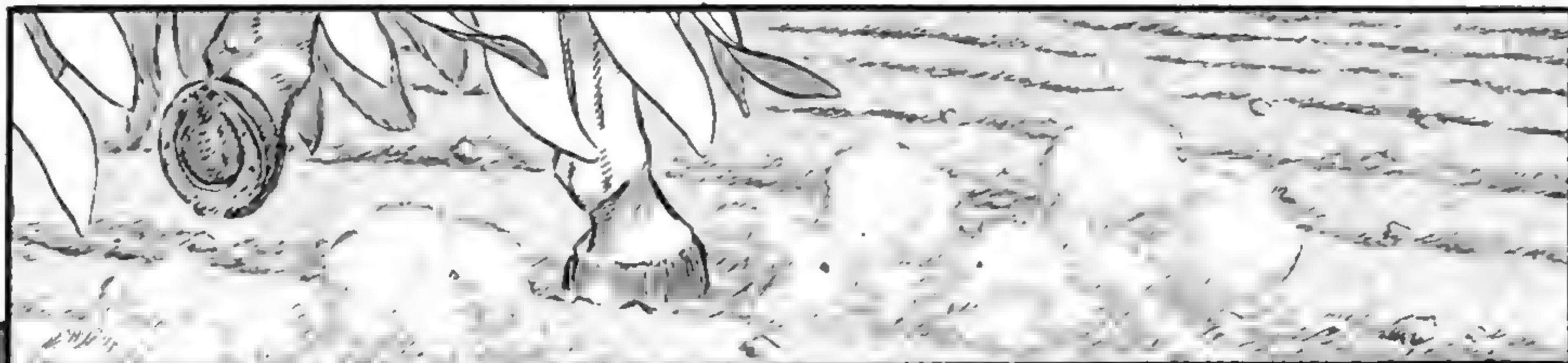
**ALL OF
YOU
FOLLOW
ME!!**

*ROHHH





*FX OHHH OHH

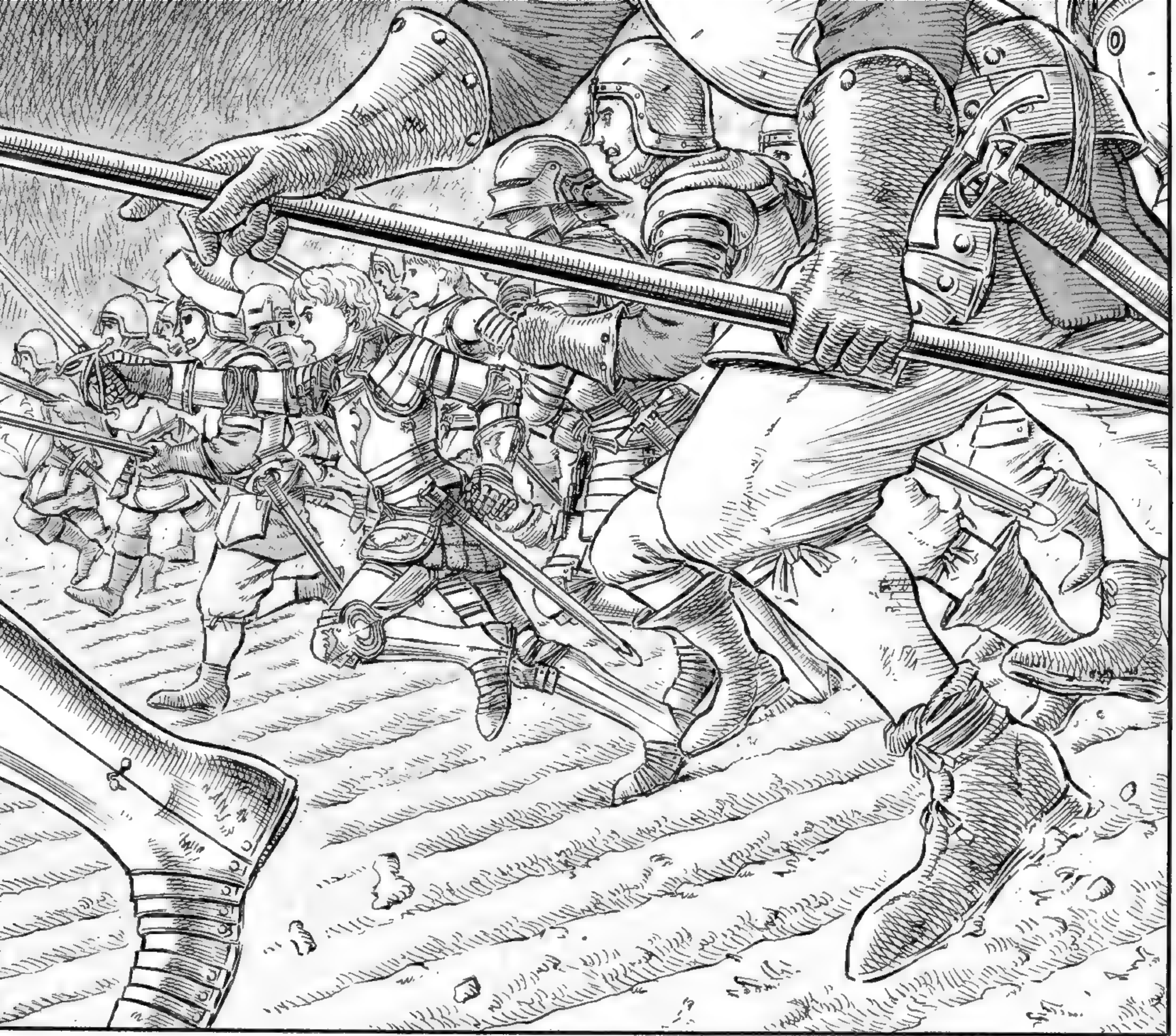




THE WAR DEMONS

戦魔

BERSERK



*FX: RAHHHH AHH AHH





HMPH!
HOW
CUNNING.

ENEMY
REMNANTS,
GENERAL!



**SEND
THE WAR
SLAVES
TO MEET
THEM!!**

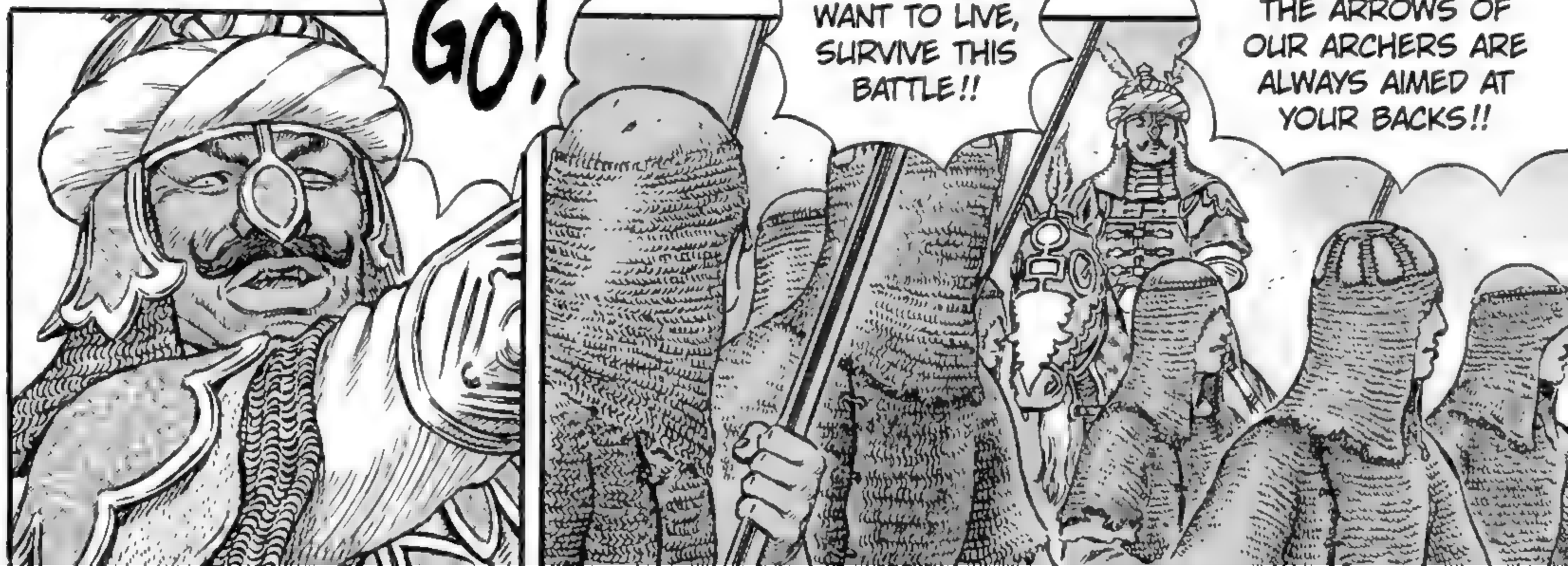


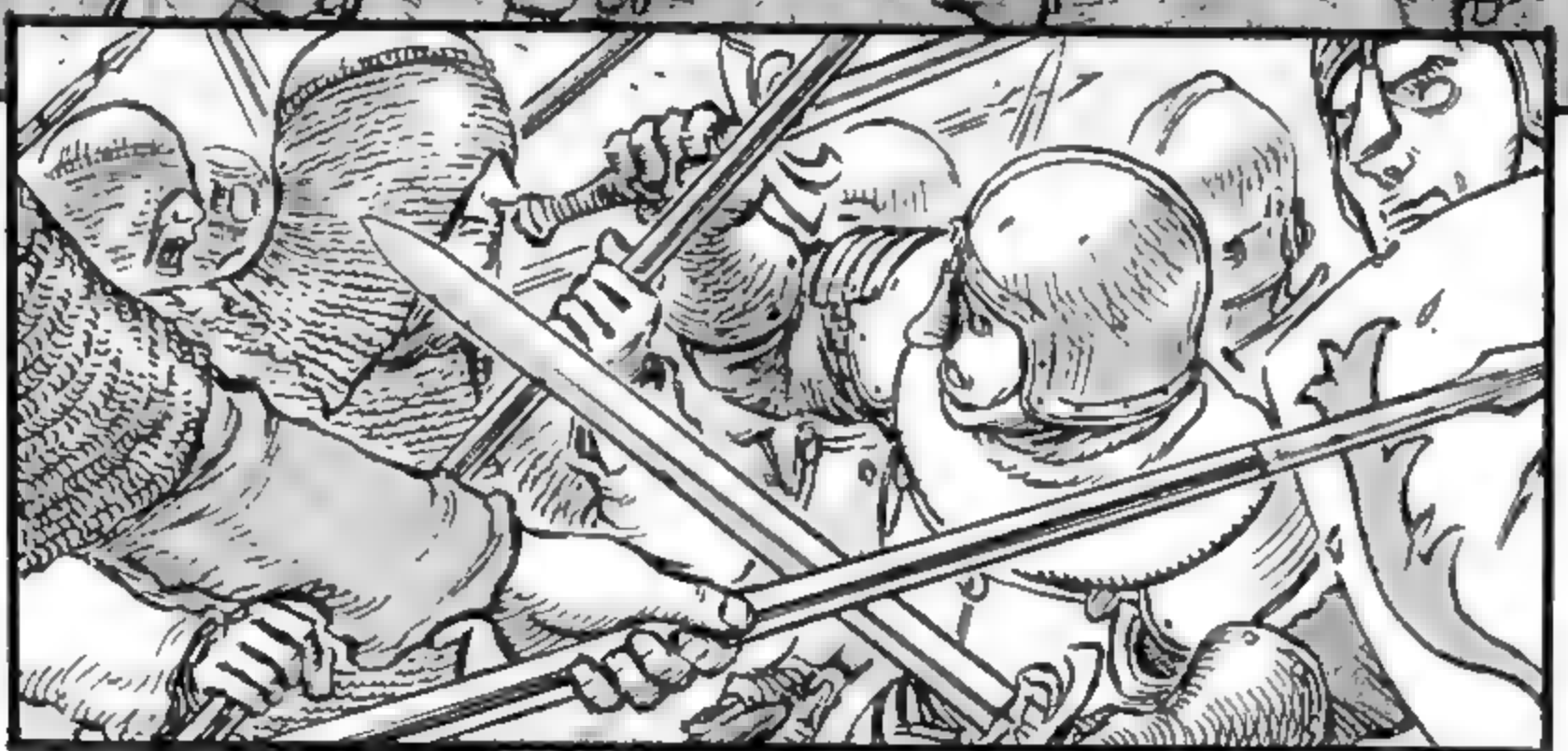
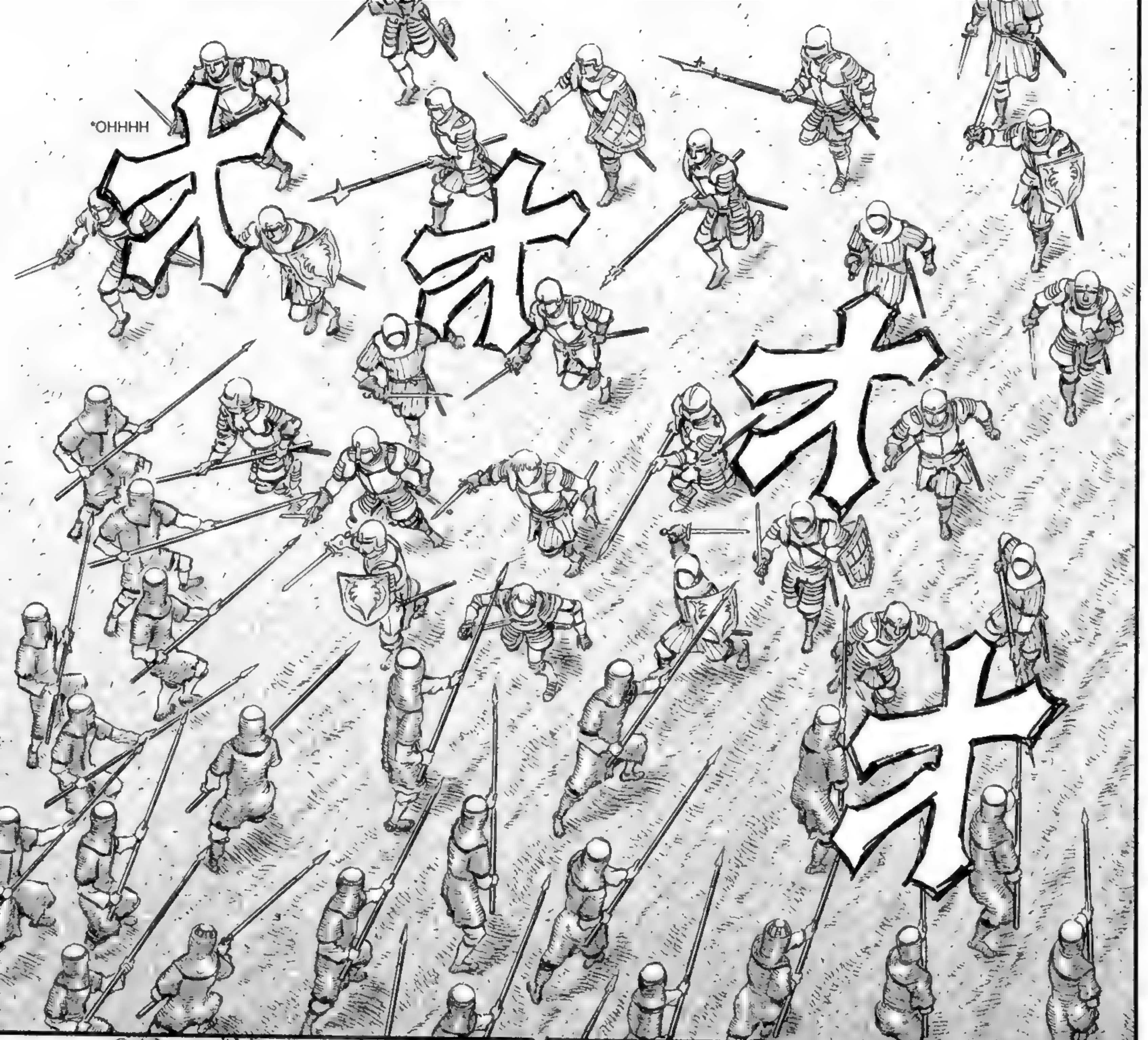
*GSHANNNG

GO!

IF YOU
WANT TO LIVE,
SURVIVE THIS
BATTLE!!

DON'T FORGET!!
THE ARROWS OF
OUR ARCHERS ARE
ALWAYS AIMED AT
YOUR BACKS!!



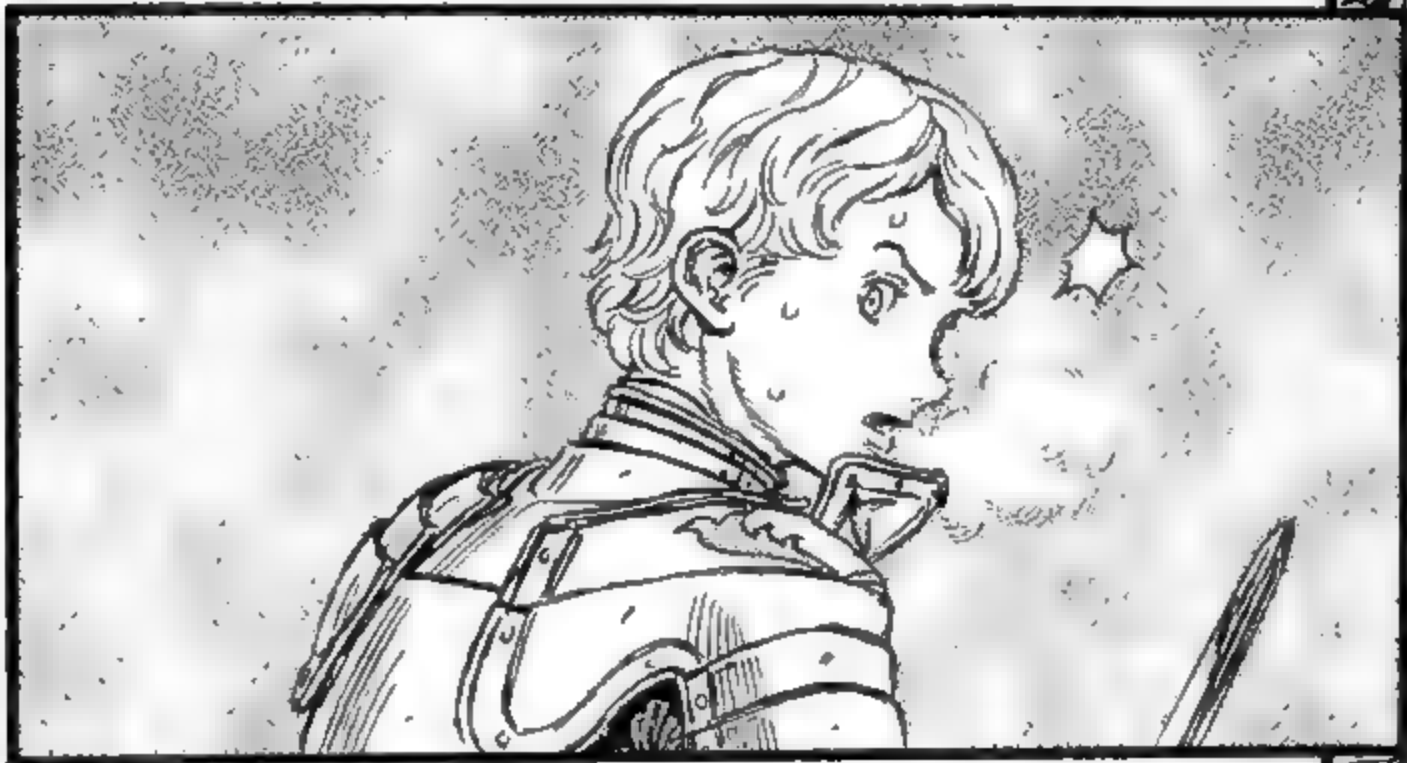




*GSHANNG

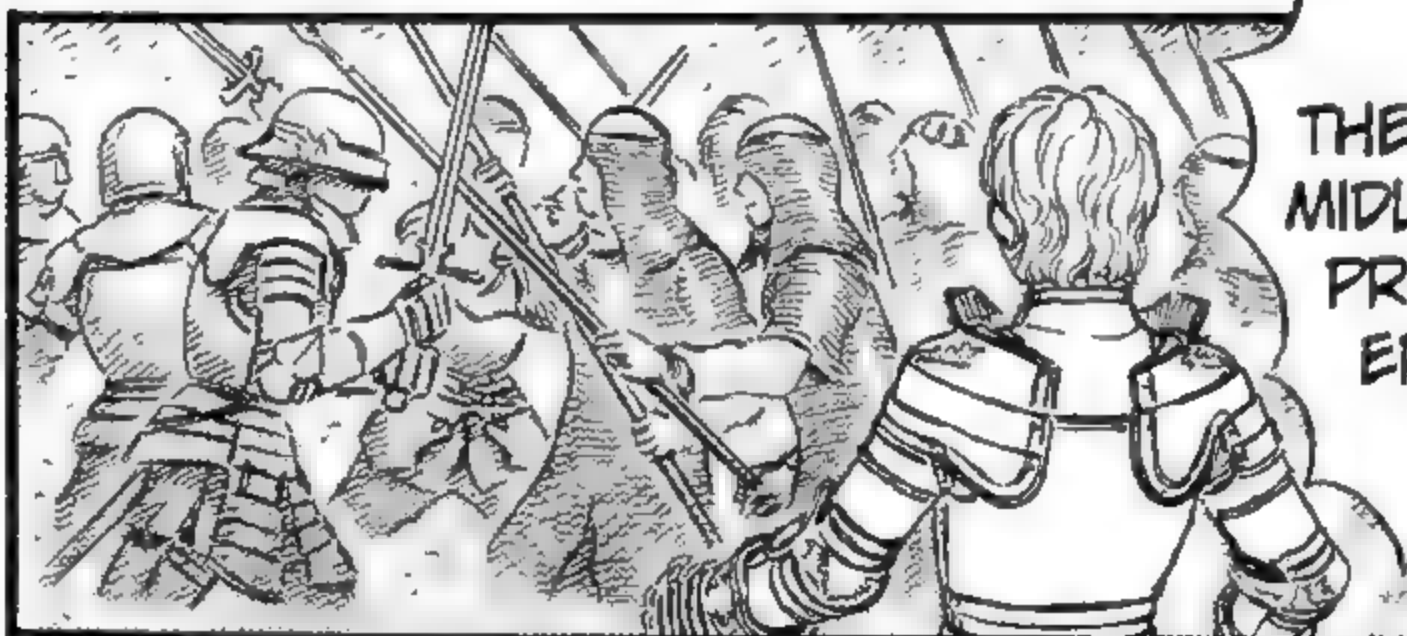


*DOSH



NO...!!

THEY'RE
NOT
KLUSHAN
?!



THEY'RE...
MIDLANDER
PRISON-
ERS?!



RESTRICT YOUR
OWN CASUALTIES
TO A MINIMUM,
AND YET BREAK
THE ENEMY'S
FIGHTING SPIRIT
CONSIDERABLY!

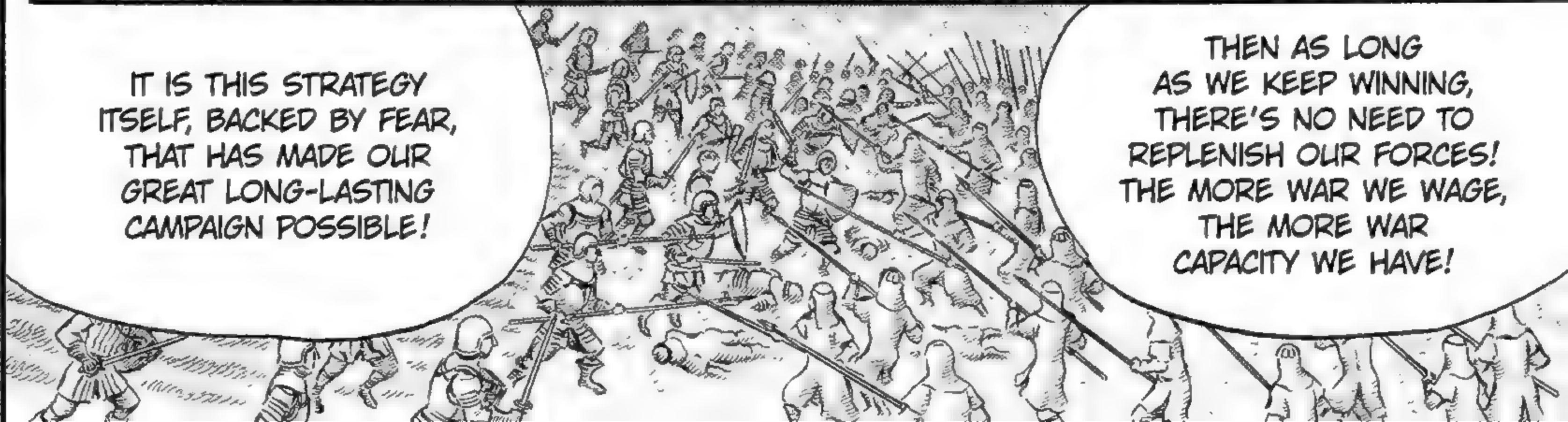
*FX: RAHHHH AHhh

THESE WAR
SLAVES ARE
ONE OF THE
PRIMARY REASONS
OUR EMPIRE HAS
EXPANDED ITS
TERRITORY SO!

HUH
HUH
...

IT IS THIS STRATEGY
ITSELF, BACKED BY FEAR,
THAT HAS MADE OUR
GREAT LONG-LASTING
CAMPAIGN POSSIBLE!

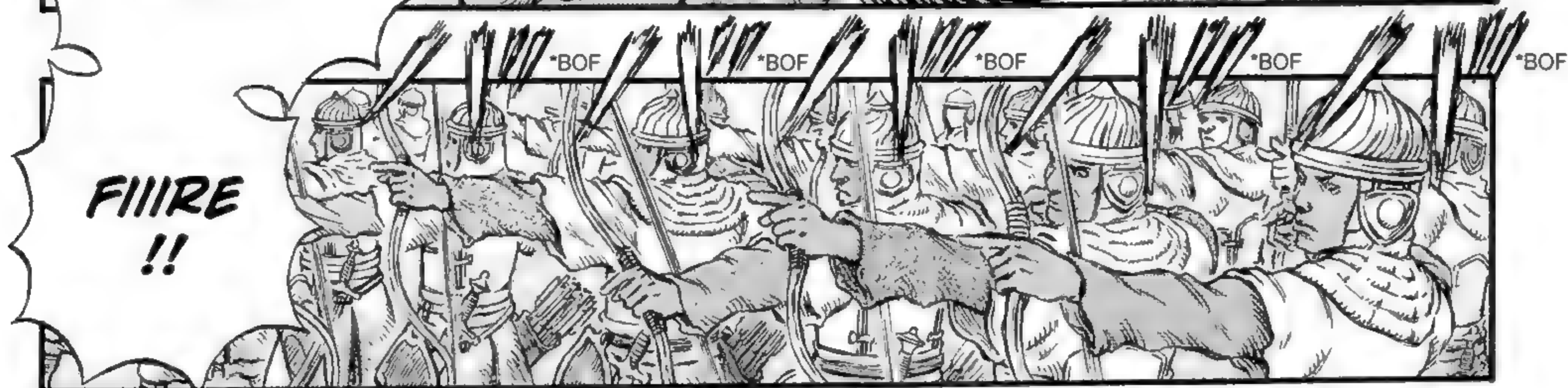
THEN AS LONG
AS WE KEEP WINNING,
THERE'S NO NEED TO
REPLENISH OUR FORCES!
THE MORE WAR WE WAGE,
THE MORE WAR
CAPACITY WE HAVE!





THE ENEMY
BEGINS TO
WAVER!!
PREPARE A
VOLLEY!!

**ARCHERS
FORWARD
!!**



**FIIIRE
!!**

*BOF

*BOF

*BOF

*BOF

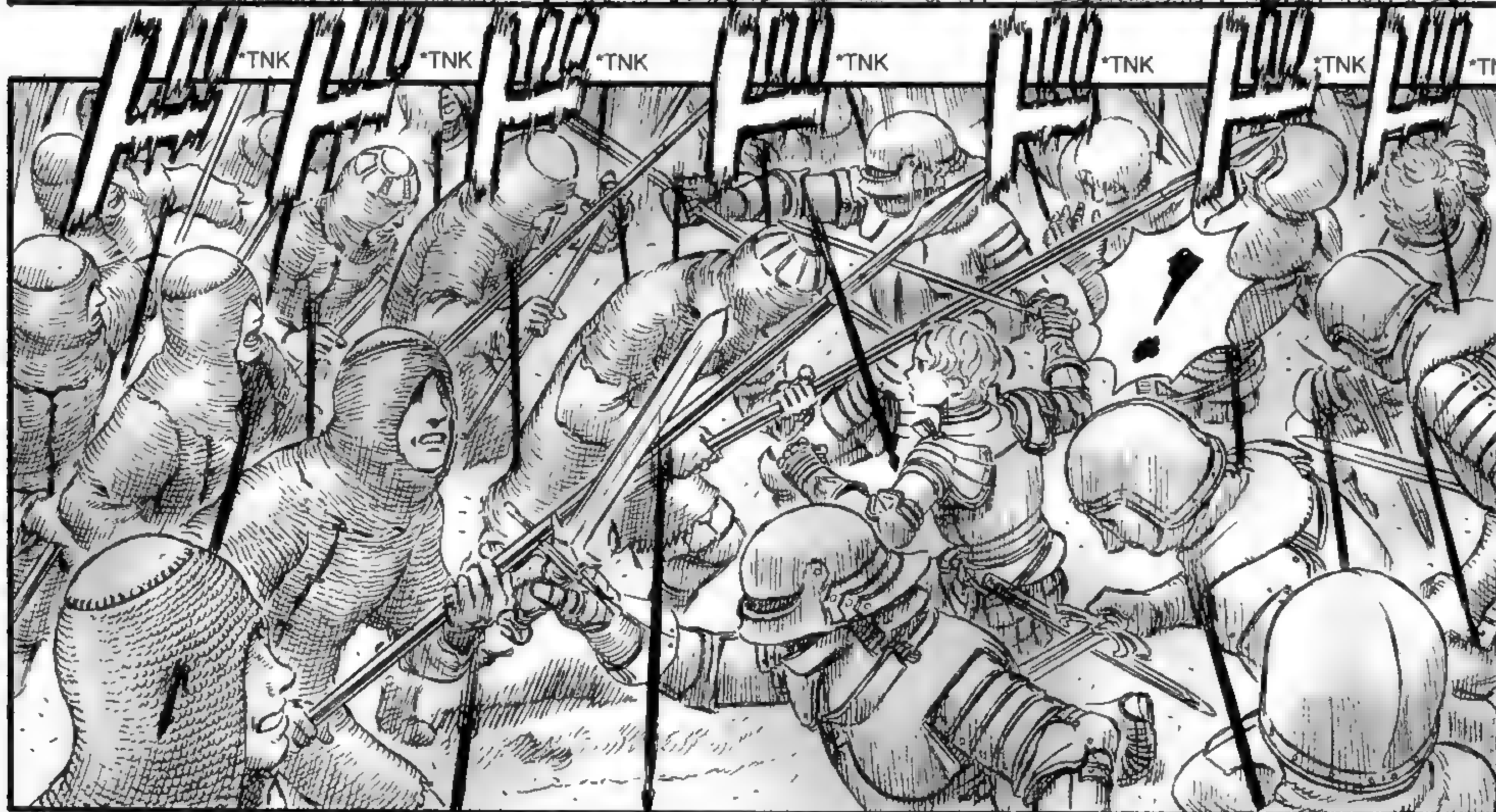
*BOF



*FX: ZHEEEEE

A P P P

A P P P



*TNK

*TNK

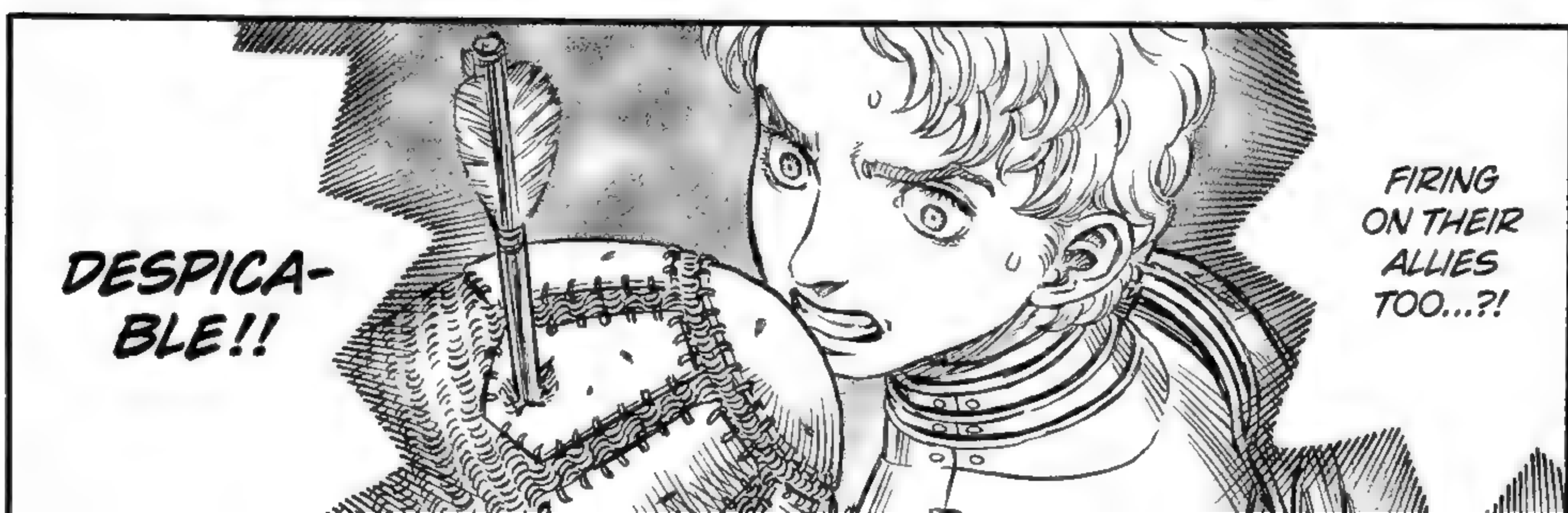
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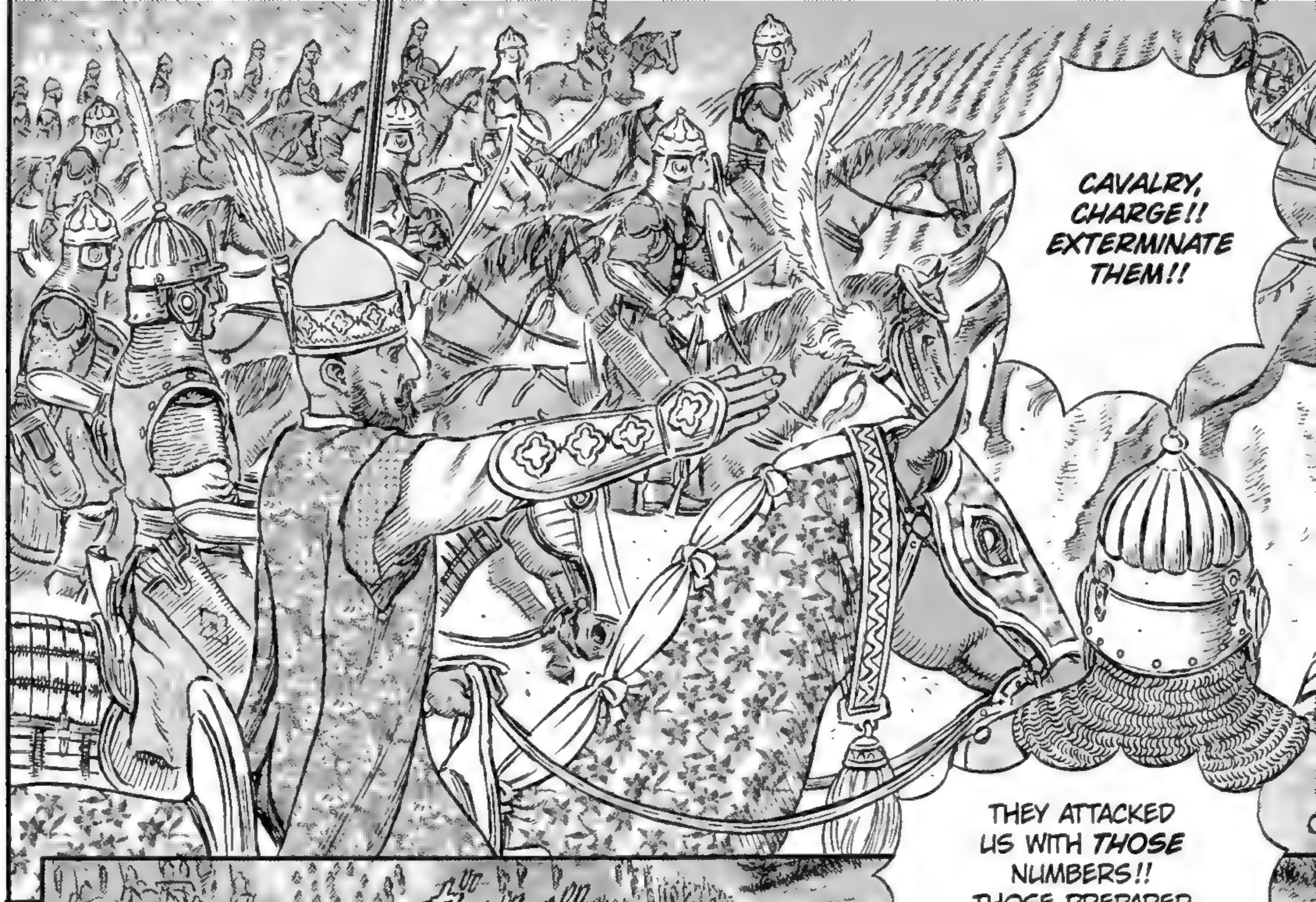
*TNK

*TNK



**DESPICA-
BLE!!**

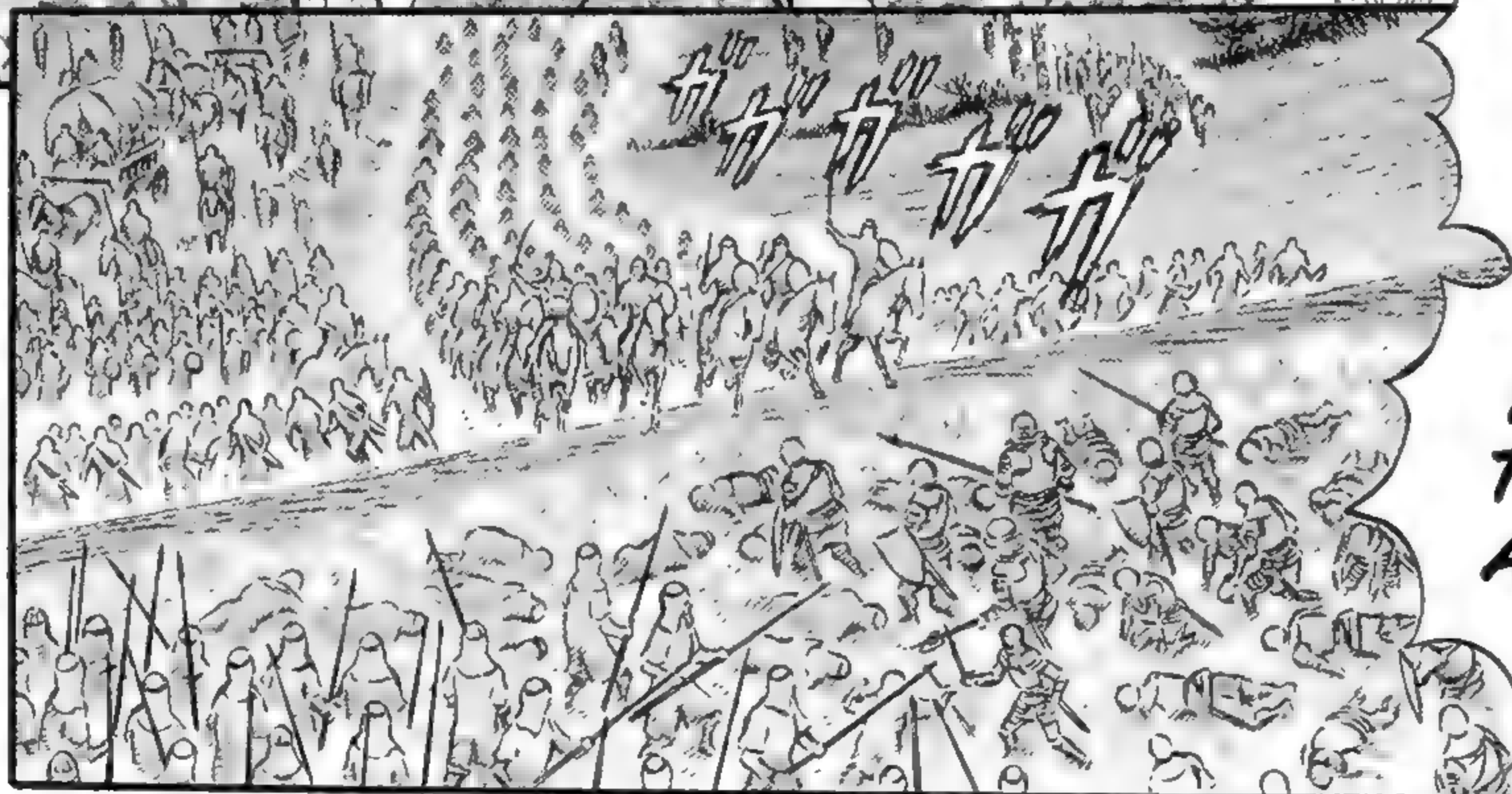
FIRING
ON THEIR
ALLIES
TOO...?!



CAVALRY,
CHARGE!!
EXTERMINATE
THEM!!

THEY ATTACKED
US WITH *THOSE*
NUMBERS!!
THOSE PREPARED
FOR DEATH WILL
NOT BECOME
WAR SLAVES!!

KILL
THEM
ALL!!

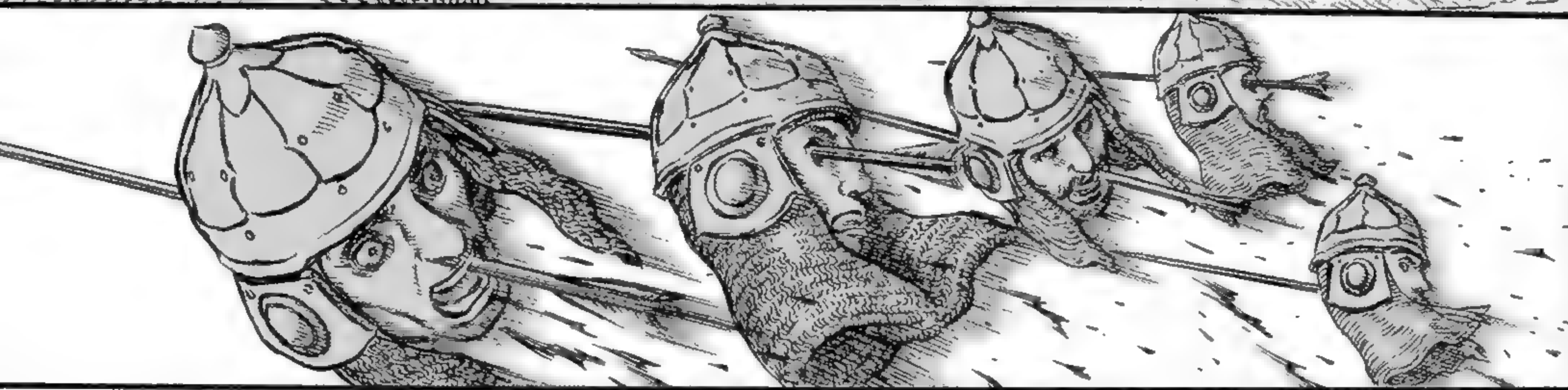


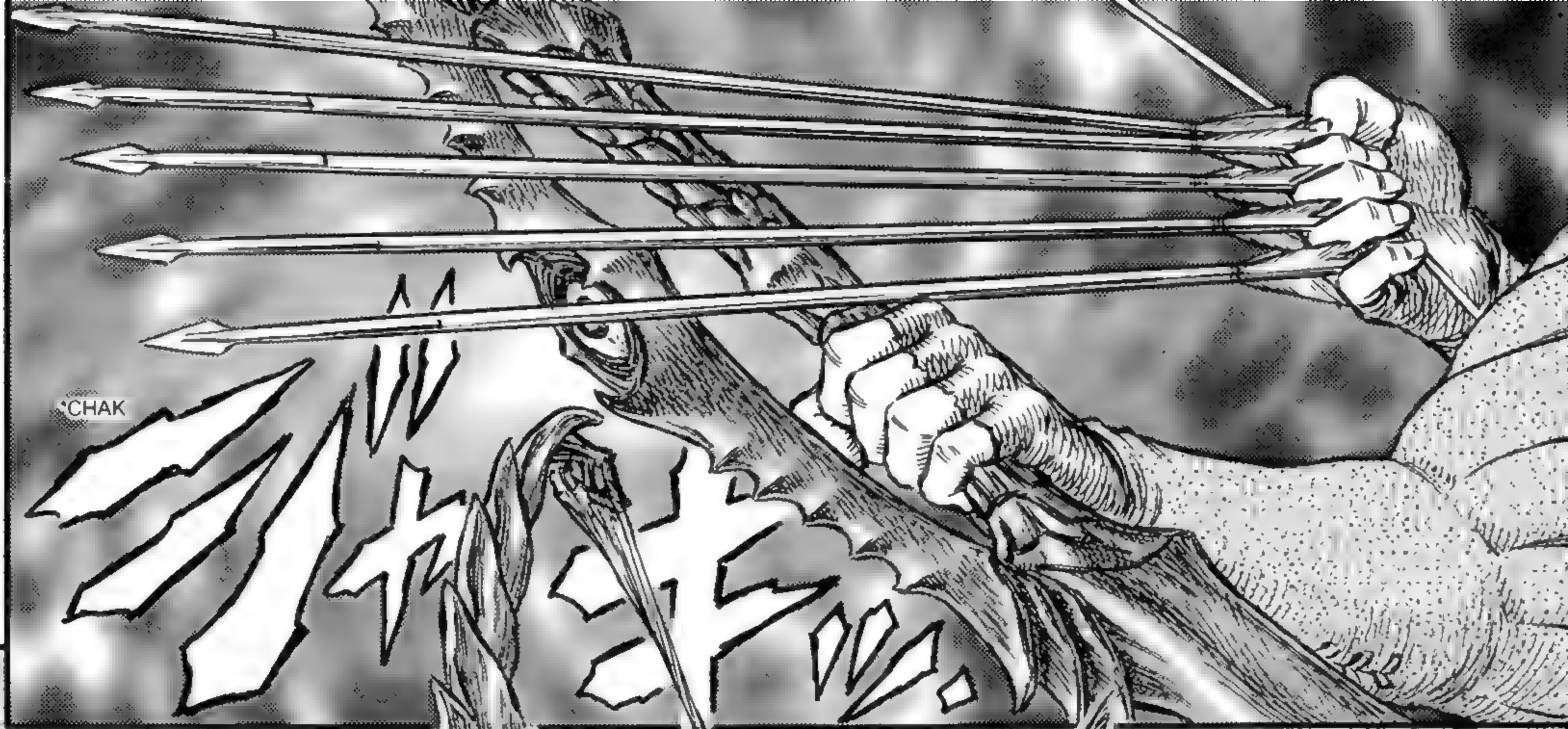
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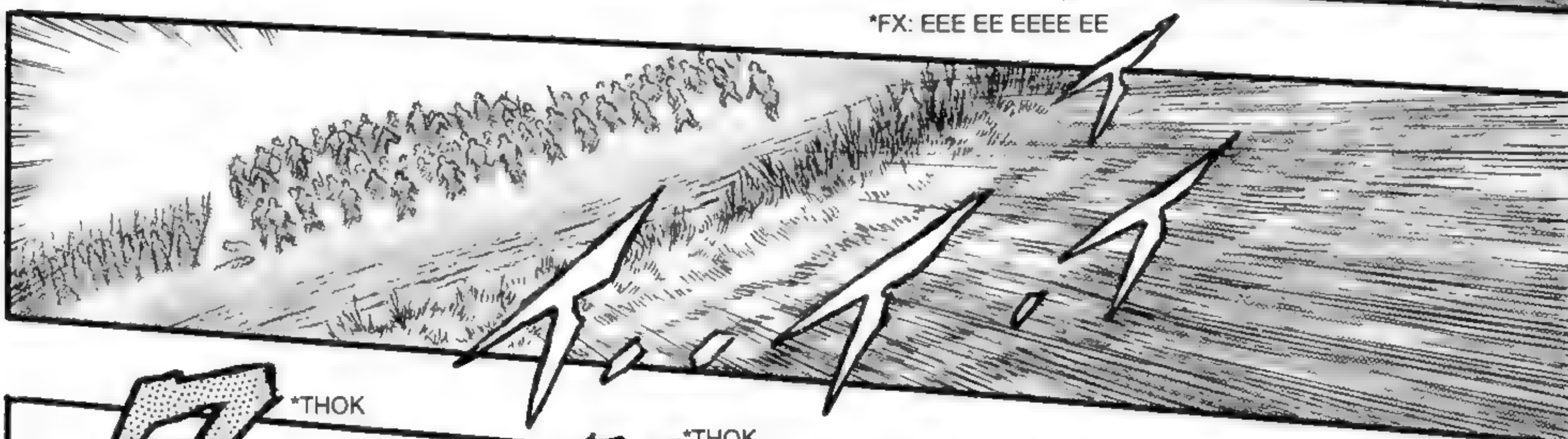
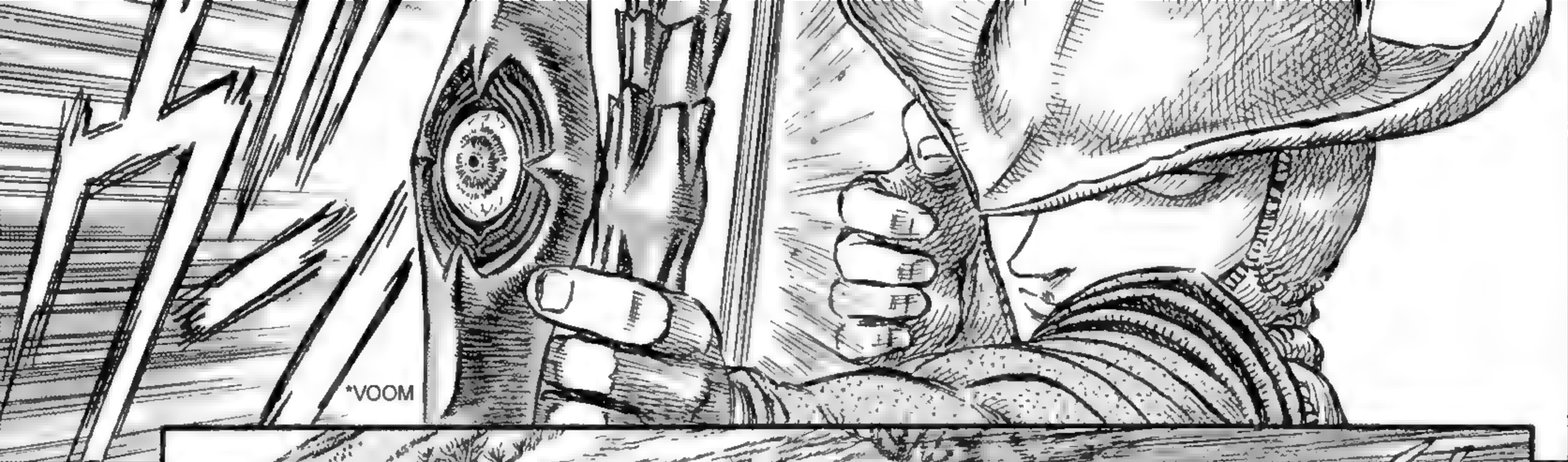
*FX: RAHHHHH



*KREEEEEN



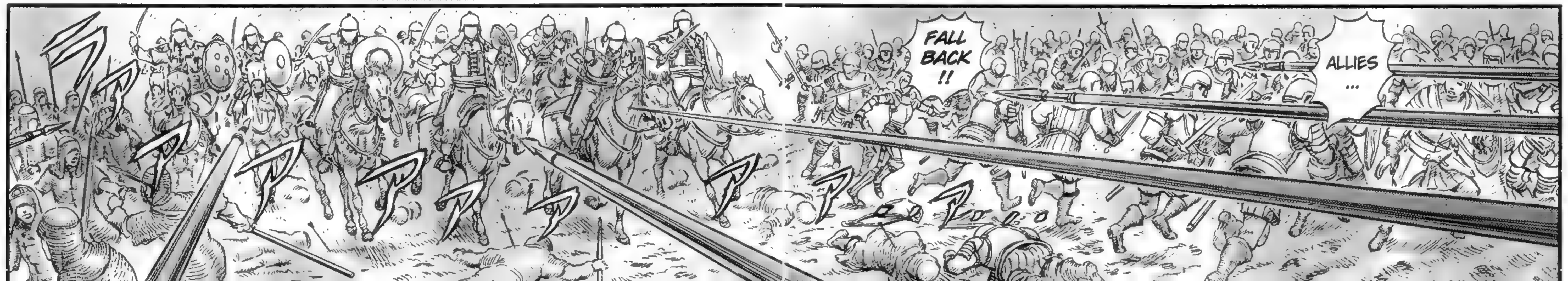






*FX. DMDMDMDMDMDMDM

*FX. RAHHHHH AHH



FALL
BACK
!!

ALLIES
...

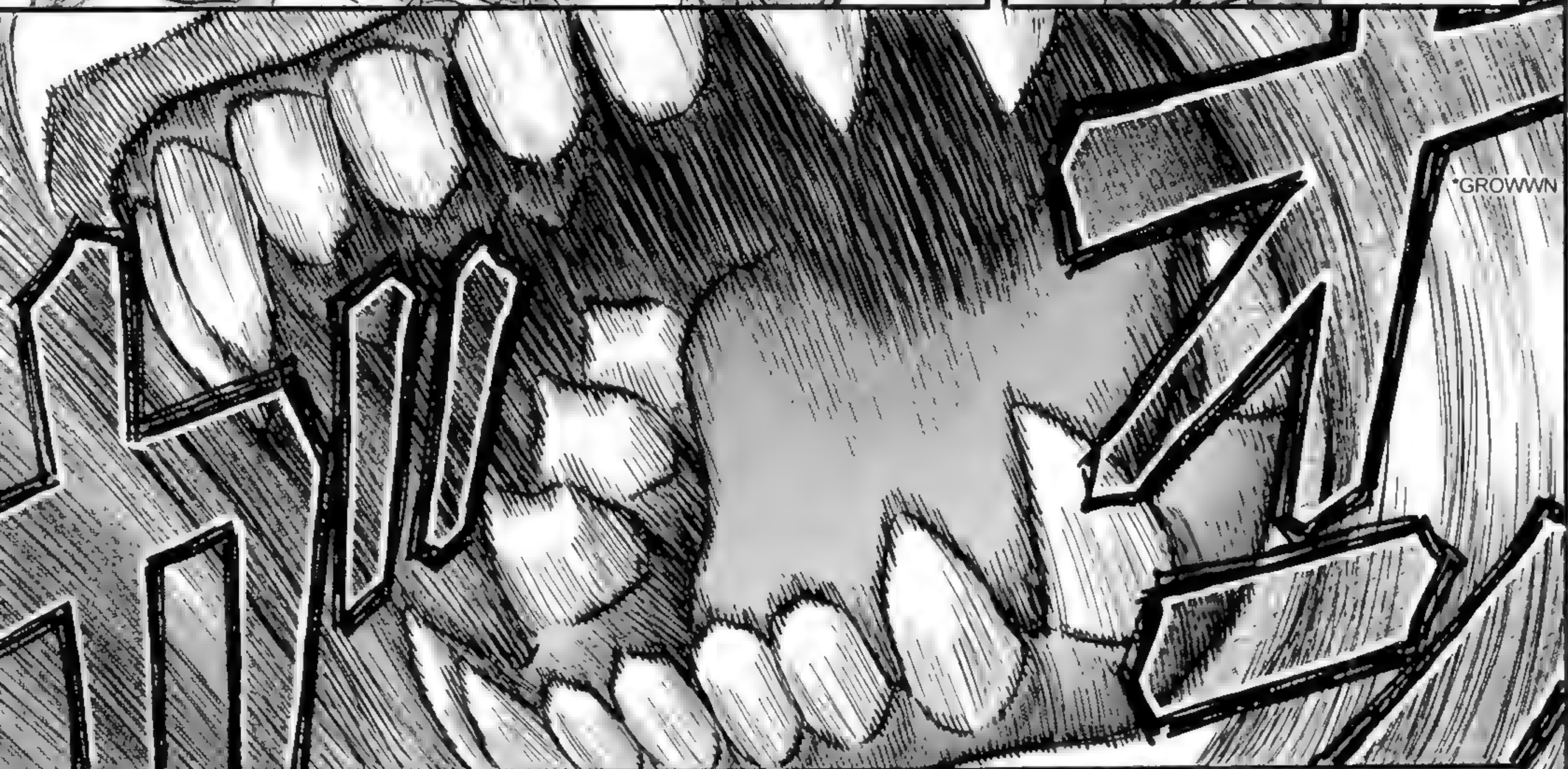


SHOW THEM
THE FULL
POWER OF
THE KUSHAN
CAVALRY'S
CONTINENTAL
CONQUEST!!

SPREAD
OUT AND
SURROUND
THEM!!



DON'T BE
DISTURBED!!
NOT BY
SO FEW
HORSEMEN
!!

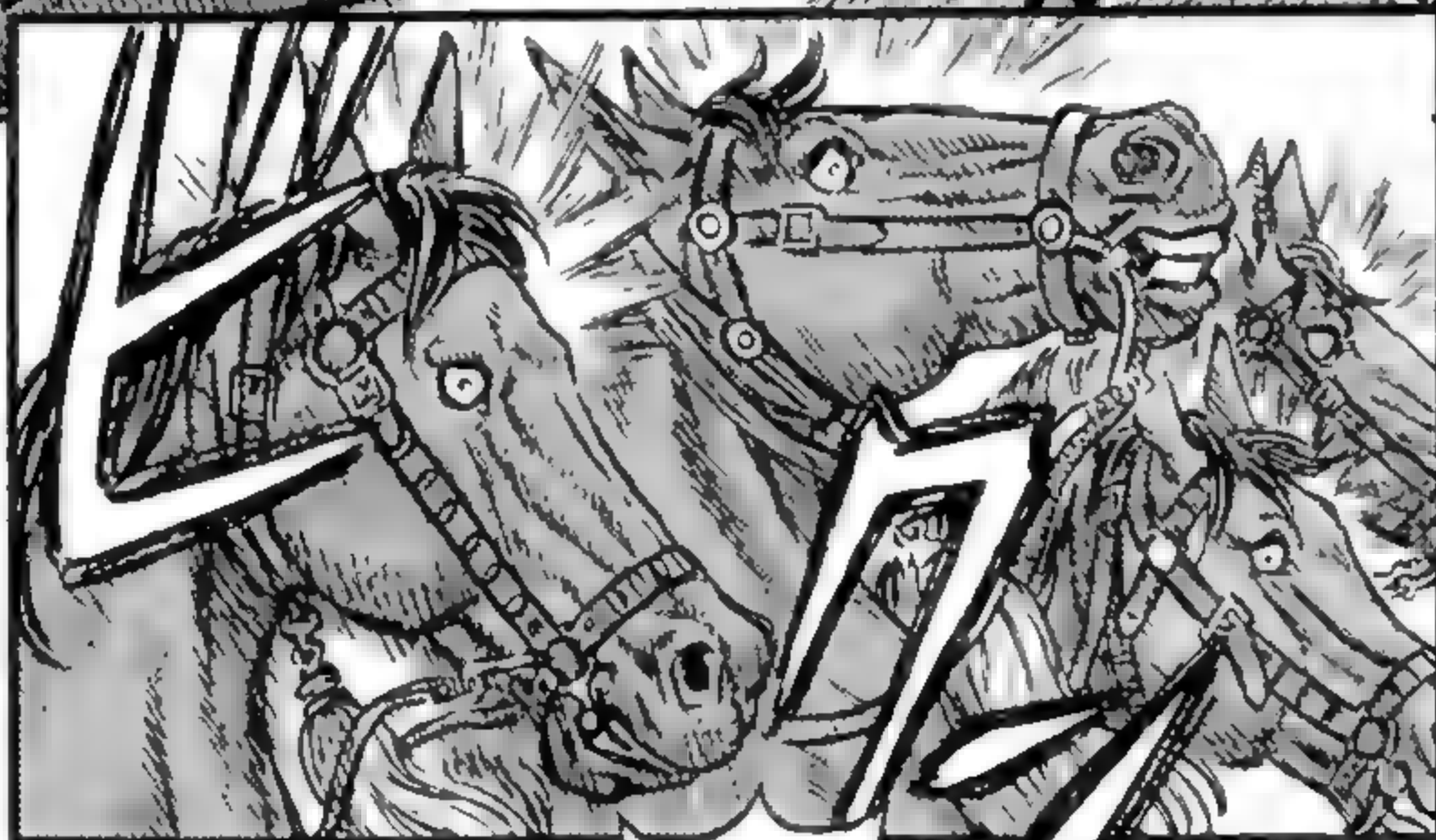


*GROWWN



*DMDMDMDMDM

GENERAL!!
NEW FORCES
ON OUR
LEFT FLANK.



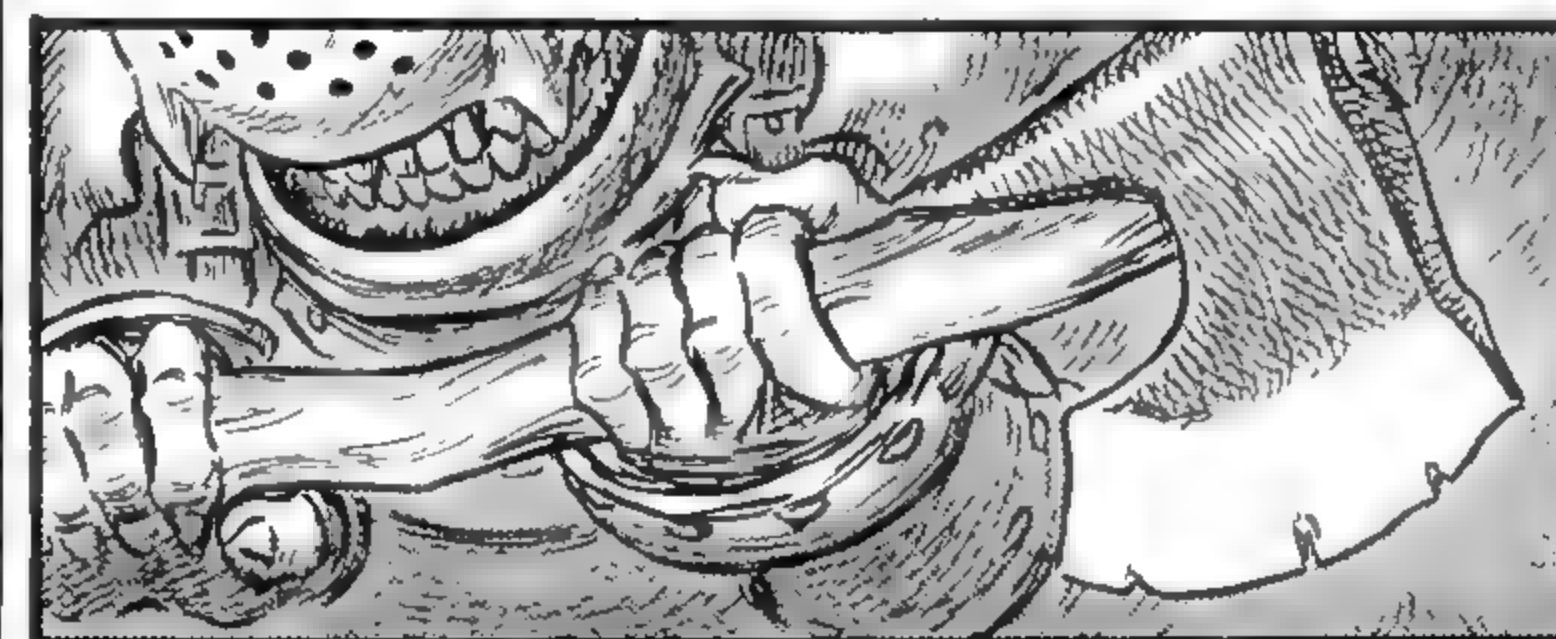
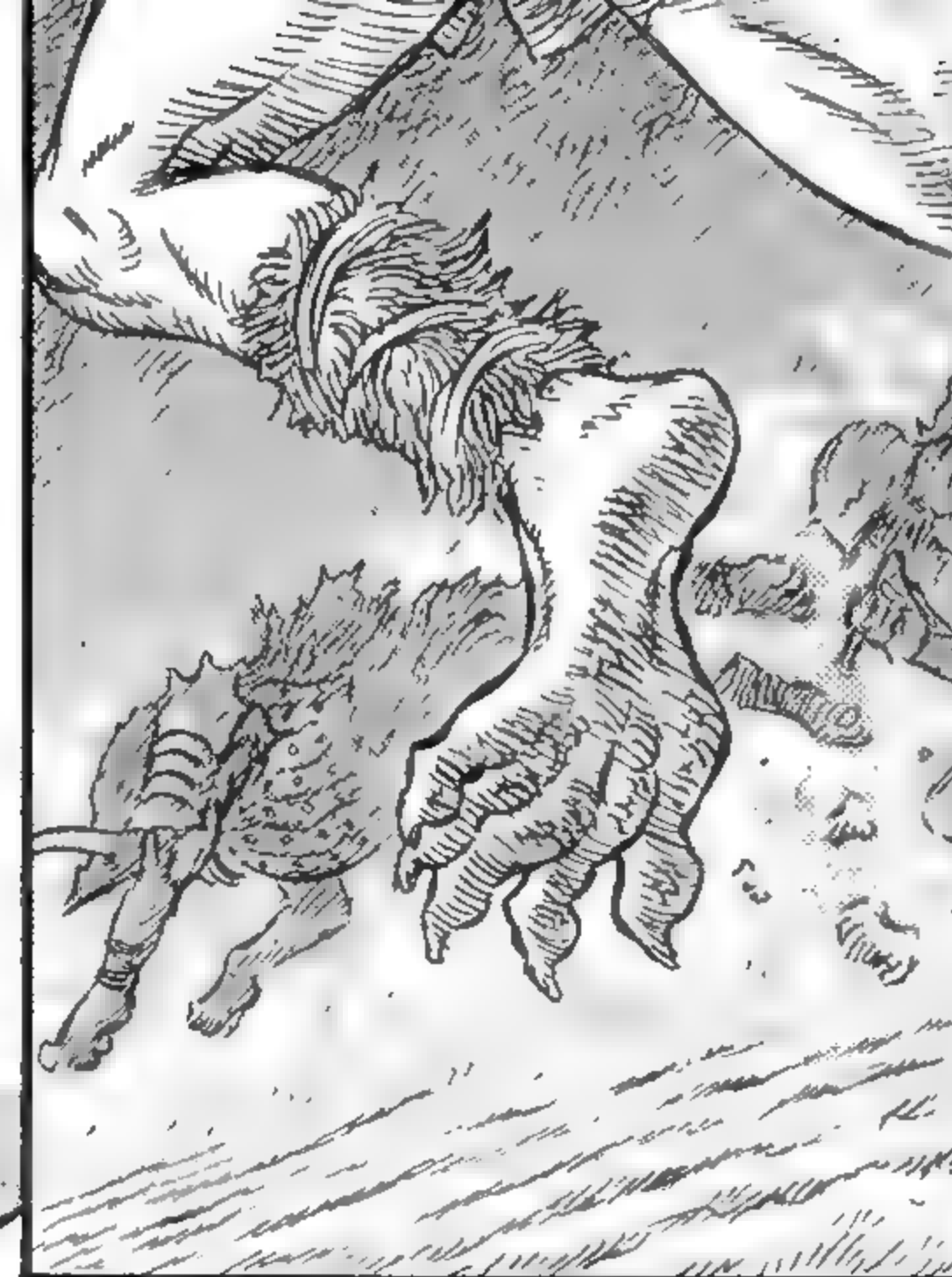
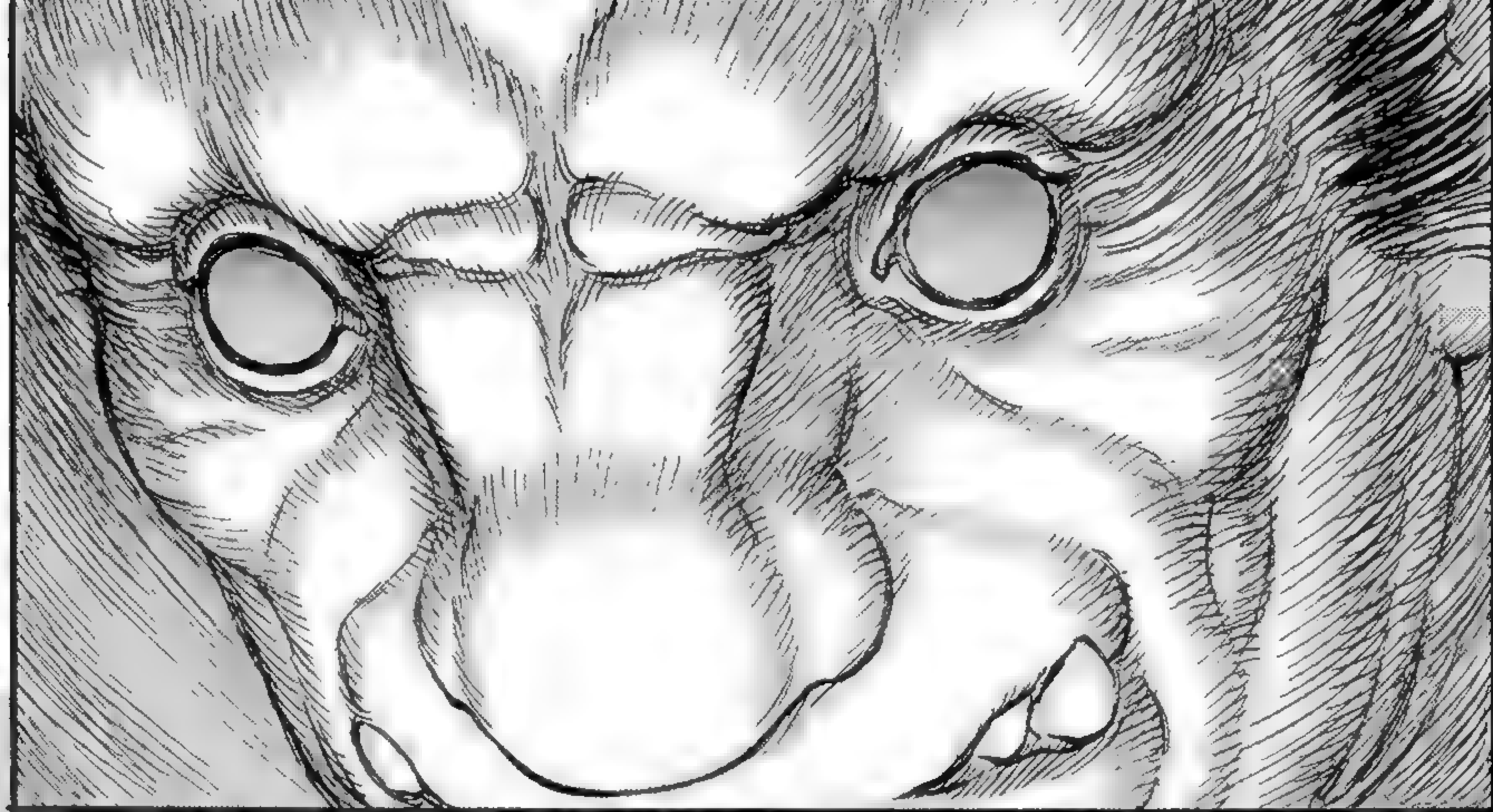
*FX FLINCH



*HRRRHRHN

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!

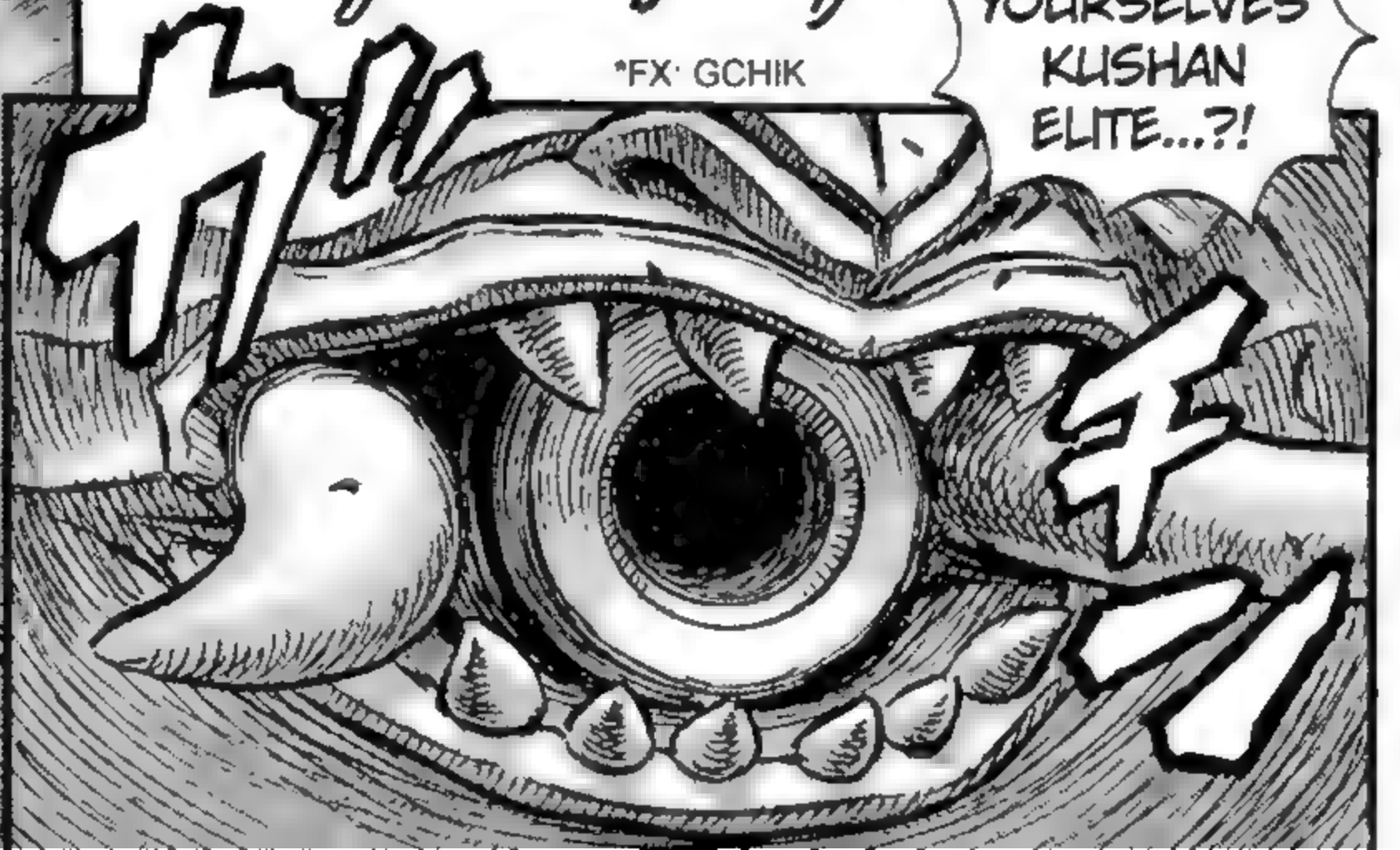
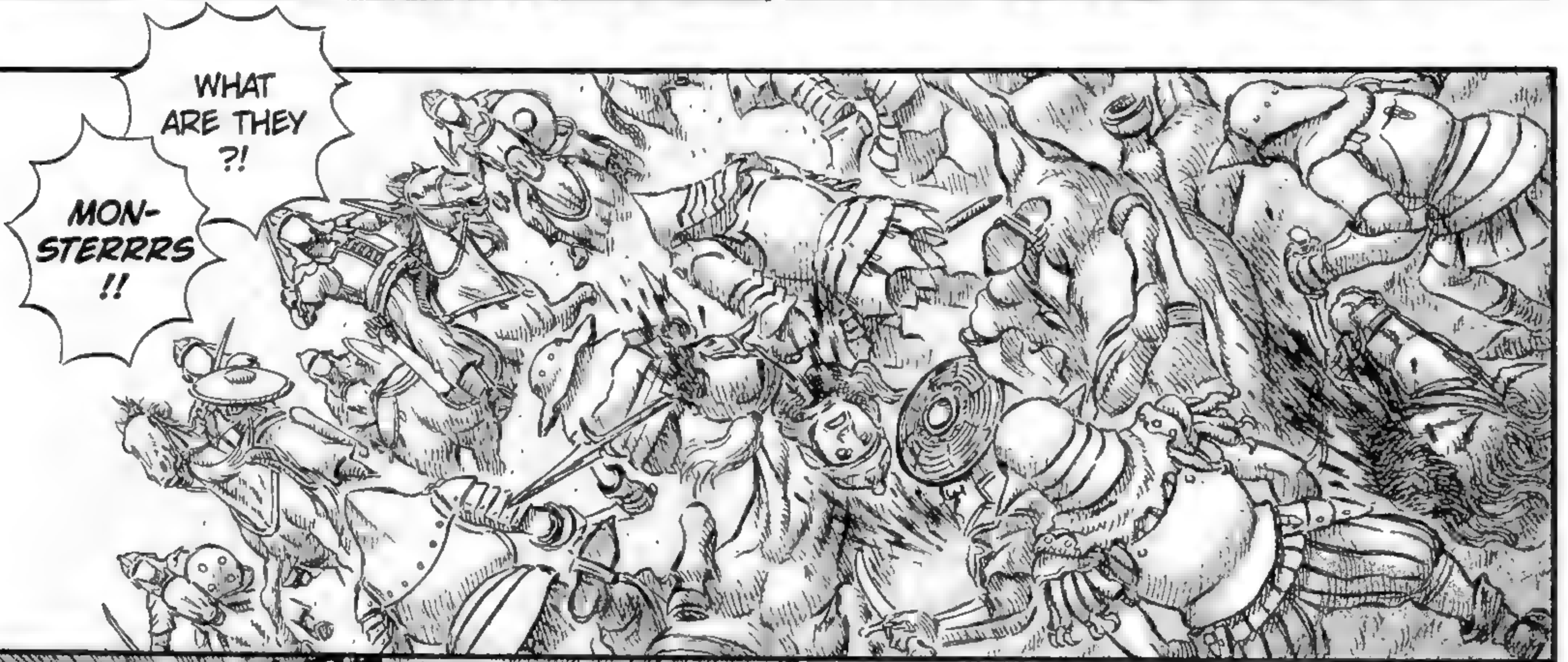
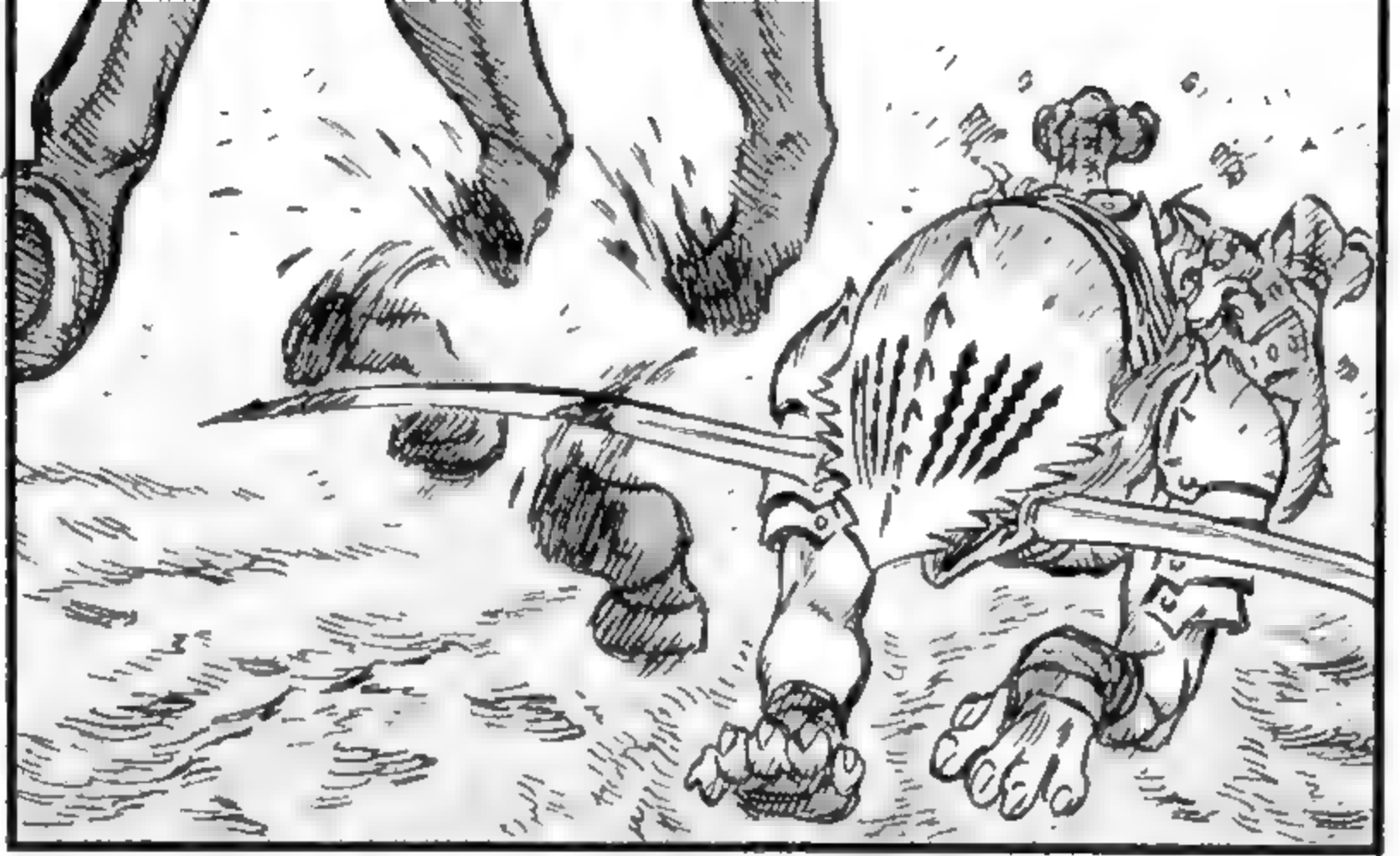
WHOA!
WHOA!



*RMMMMBLE











...THE FORCES
ABOUT WHICH
WORD WAS
RECEIVED,
GOING AROUND
LIBERATING
VARIOUS
POSTS WE'VE
TAKEN...?!



C-COULD
THESE
BE...



...!!
G-
GEN-
ERAL
...!!



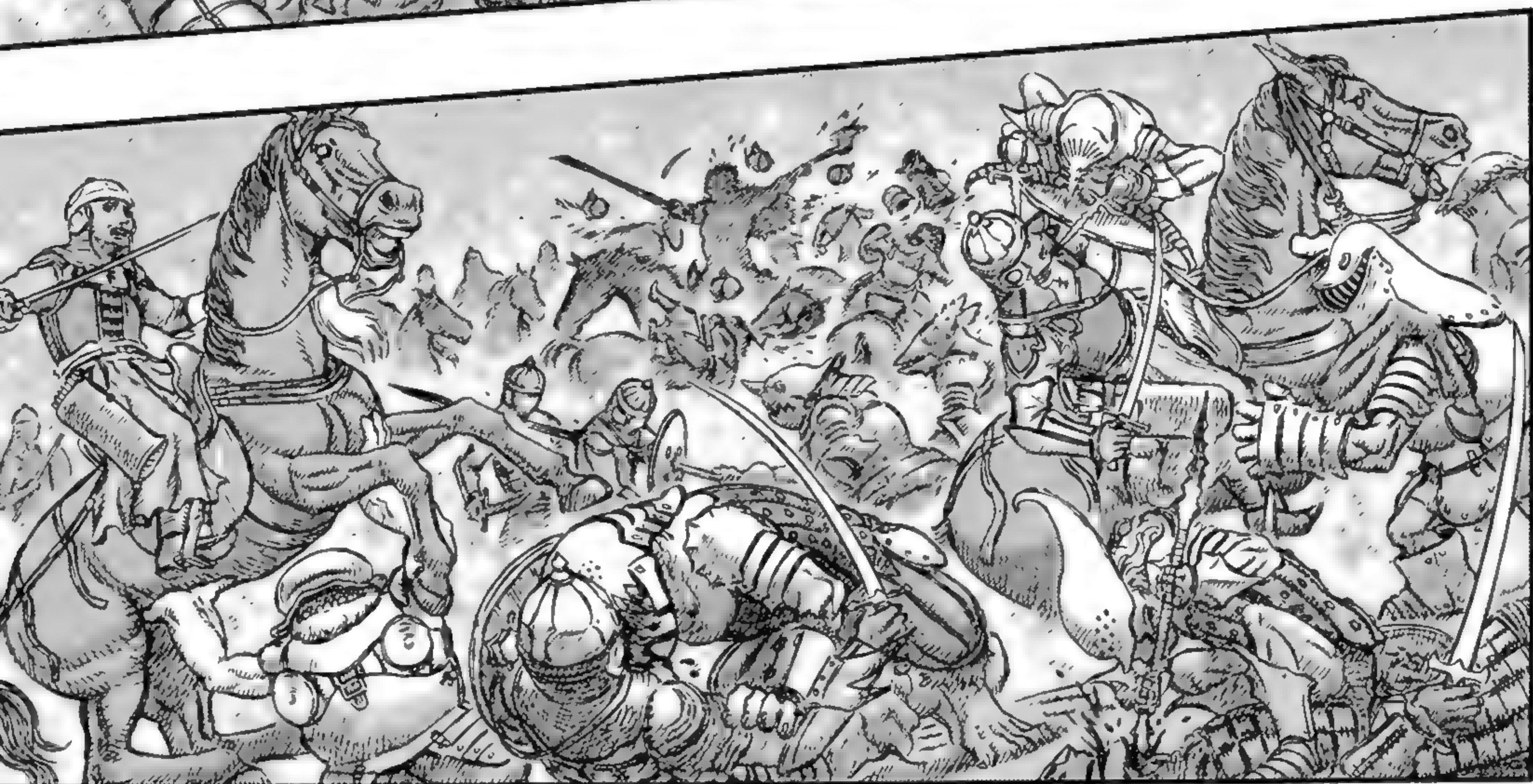
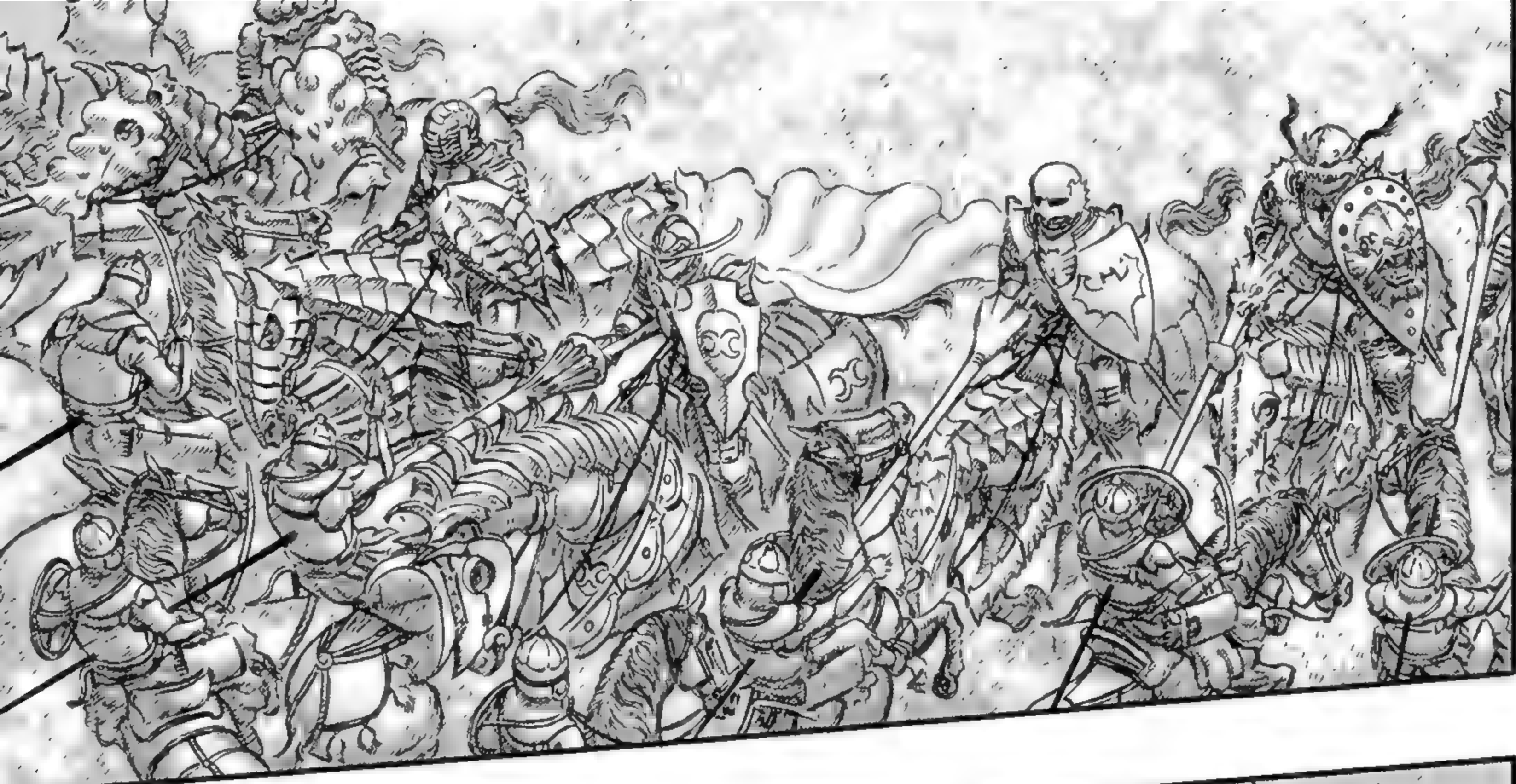
THAT'S
--

THAT
EMBLEM
IS--

THAT'S...!!
N-NO
MISTAKING
IT!!

オオオオオオオオオオ
ROHHHHH





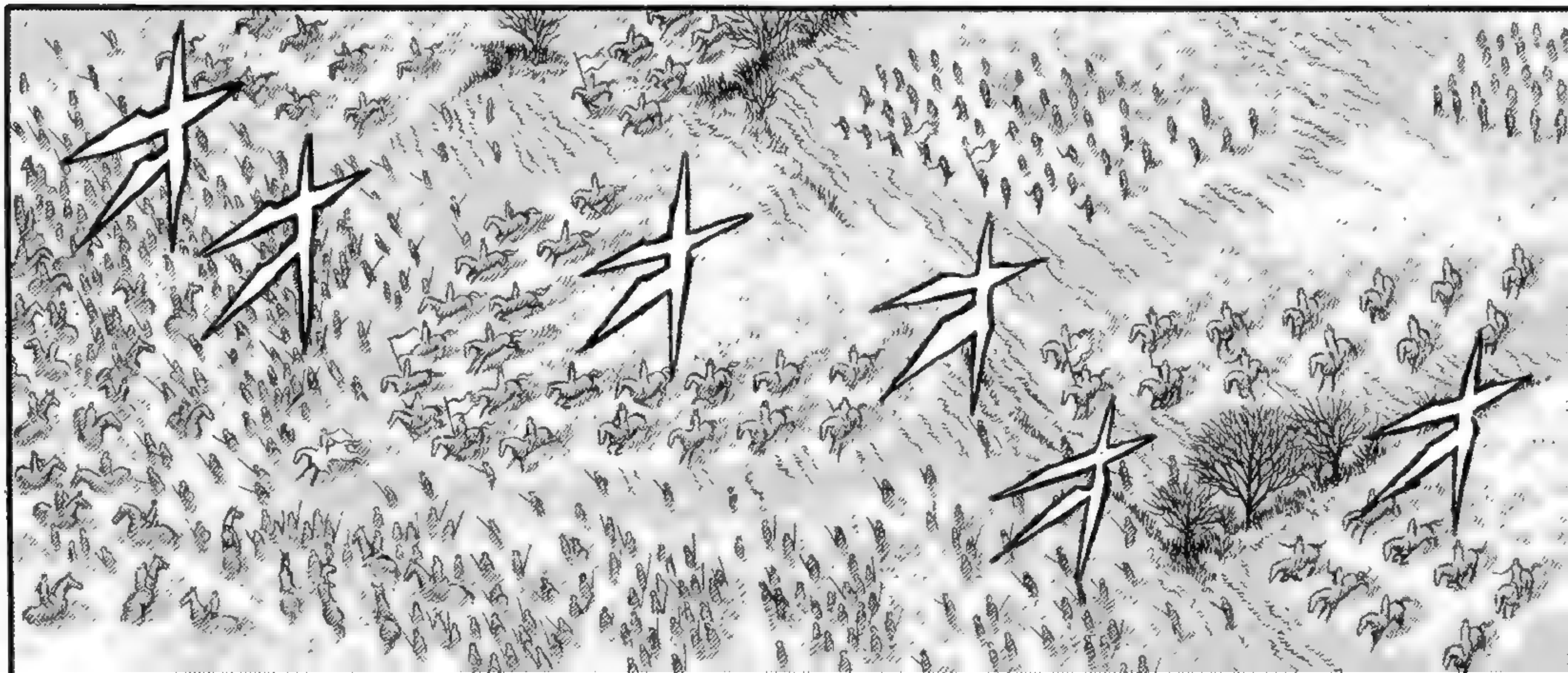
飛剣の御旗

**BANNER OF THE
FLYING SWORD**





*FX: ROHHHH





WH-WHAT A
MAGNIFICENT ARROW-
HEAD FORMATION!!
THEY'RE CARVING
RIGHT INTO THAT
LARGE ARMY...!!



A...
AMAZING
...!!



THAT
EMBLEM!!
IT IS THE
MIDLAND
RESISTANCE
FORCE!!
**THE BAND
OF THE
HAWK!!**



THERE IS NO
MISTAKING IT,
LORD MULE!!



THE
WHITE HAWK,
COUNT
GRIFFITH!!



THAT KNIGHT
IN THE SILVER
ARMOR IS OUR
KINGDOM'S
HERO HIMSELF.



GRIFFITH
...!!!



THE
WHITE
HAWK.



H-HALT
...!!



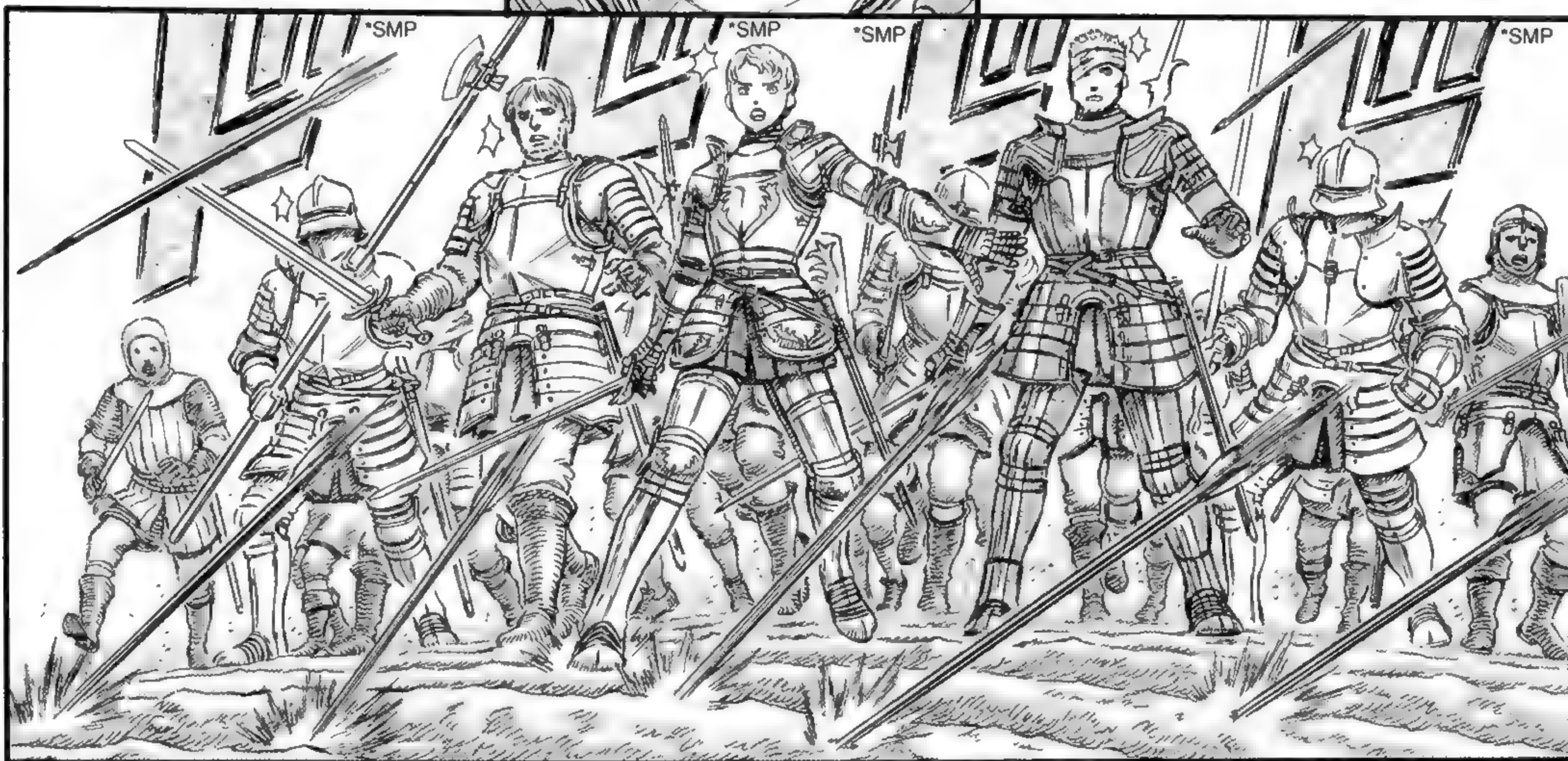
WATCH
OUT!!



THIS IS
OUR
FIEFDOM!!

RIGHT!
DON'T FALL
BEHIND!

Ay
ye!!



*SMP

*SMP

*SMP

*SMP



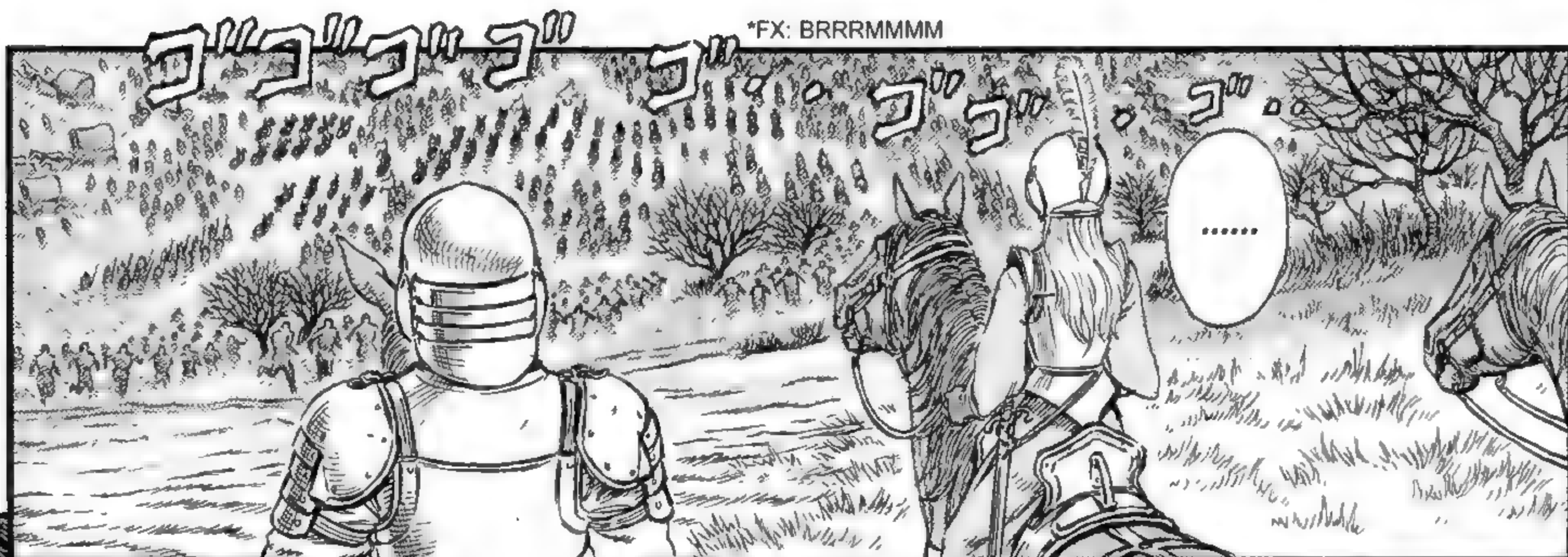
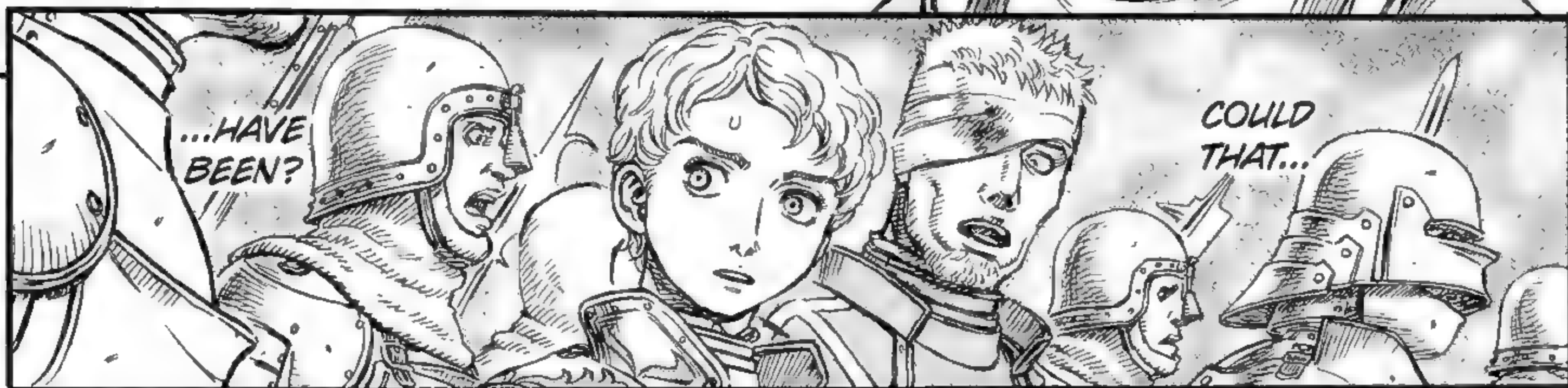
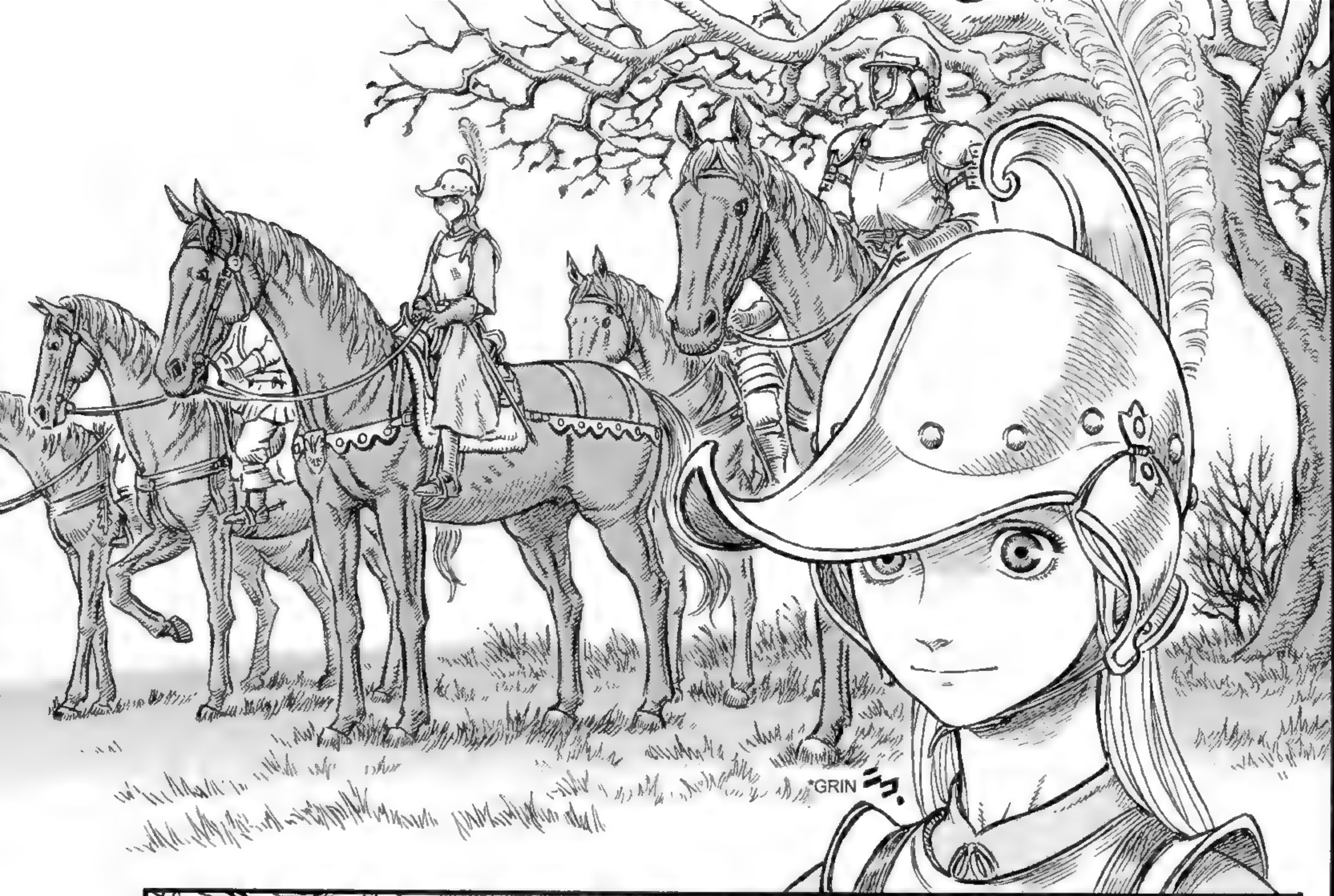
!

WHAT
WAS THAT
IN MY
MIND...?!

THAT WAS
CLOSE. IF
WE'D TAKEN
ANOTHER
HALF STEP...!!

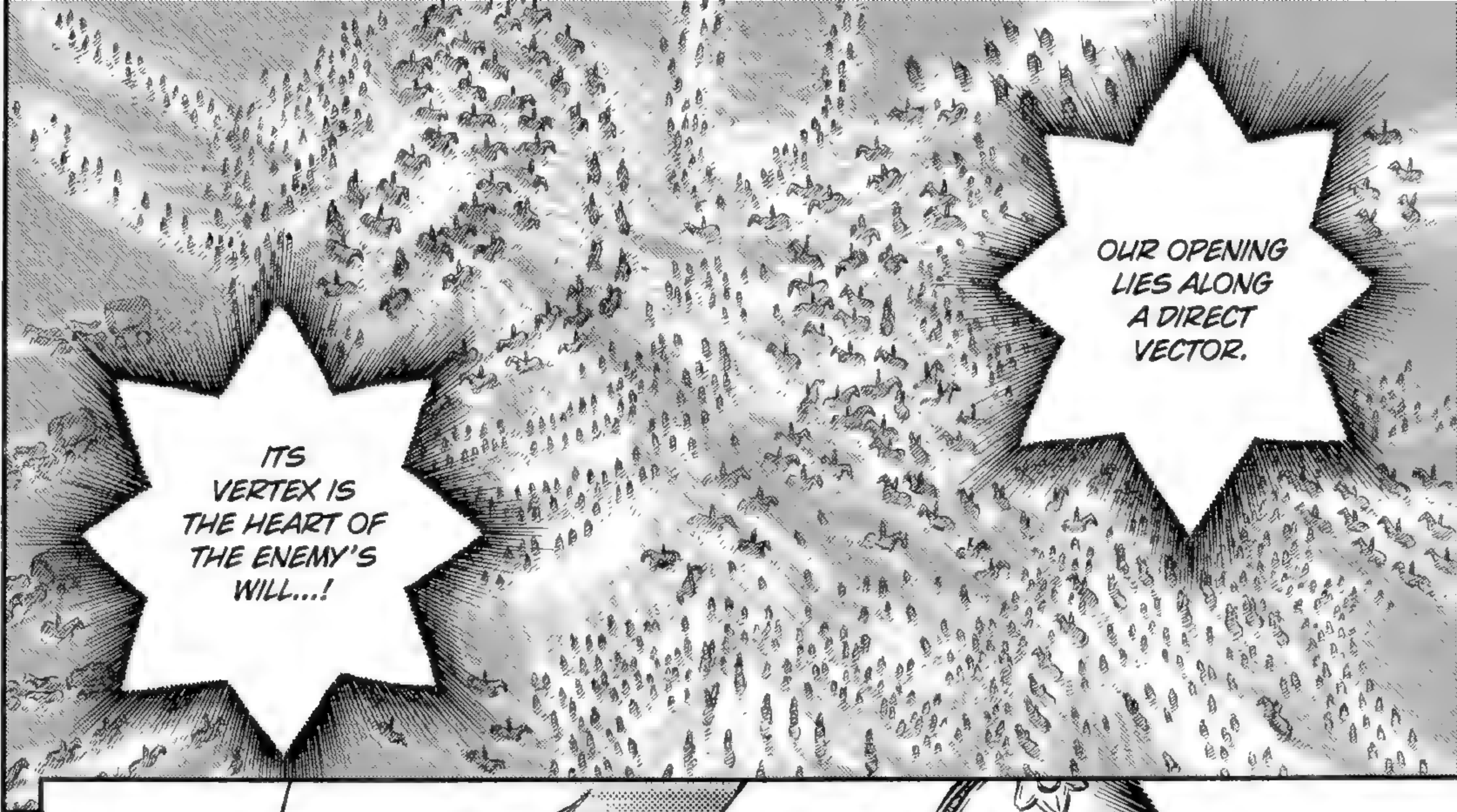


STRAY
ARROWS
...?!



...IS IN CONSTANT
FLUCTUATION,
LIKE BLOOD THAT
FLOWS AND
STAGNATES...

THE LIFEFORCE
BLANKETING A
BATTLEFIELD...



ITS
VERTEX IS
THE HEART OF
THE ENEMY'S
WILL....!

OUR OPENING
LIES ALONG
A DIRECT
VECTOR.



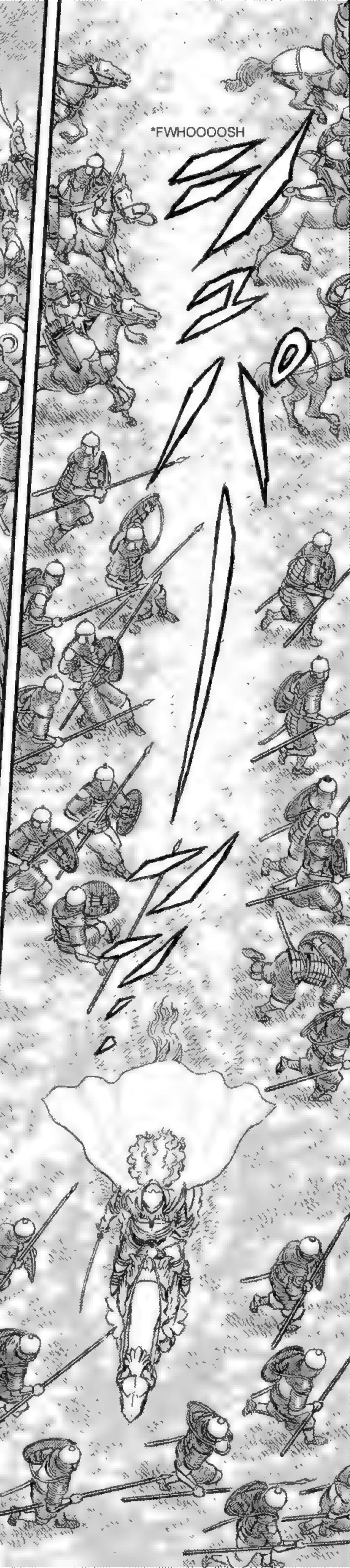
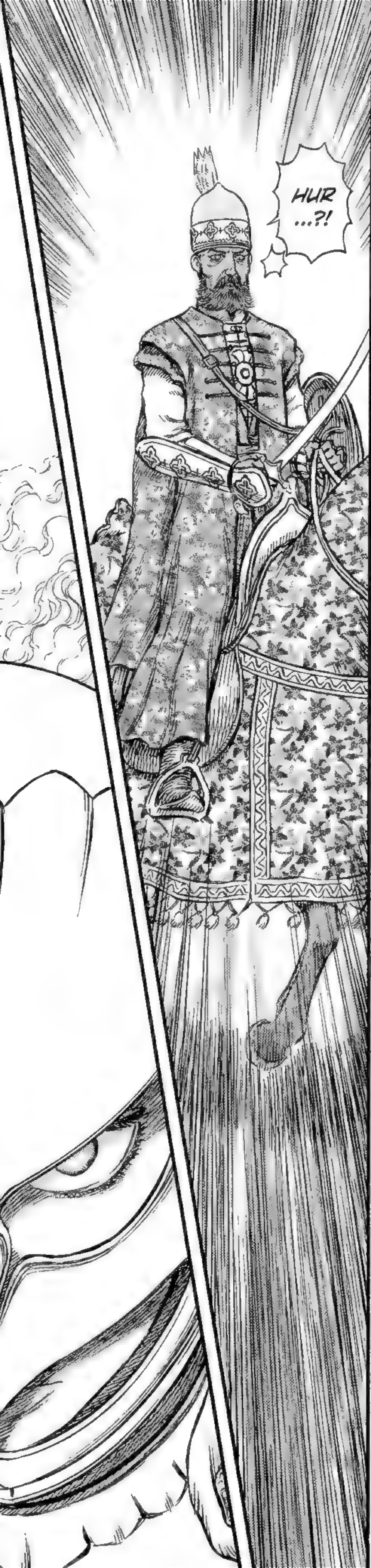
LORD
GRIFFITH!!



*LEEEAAP

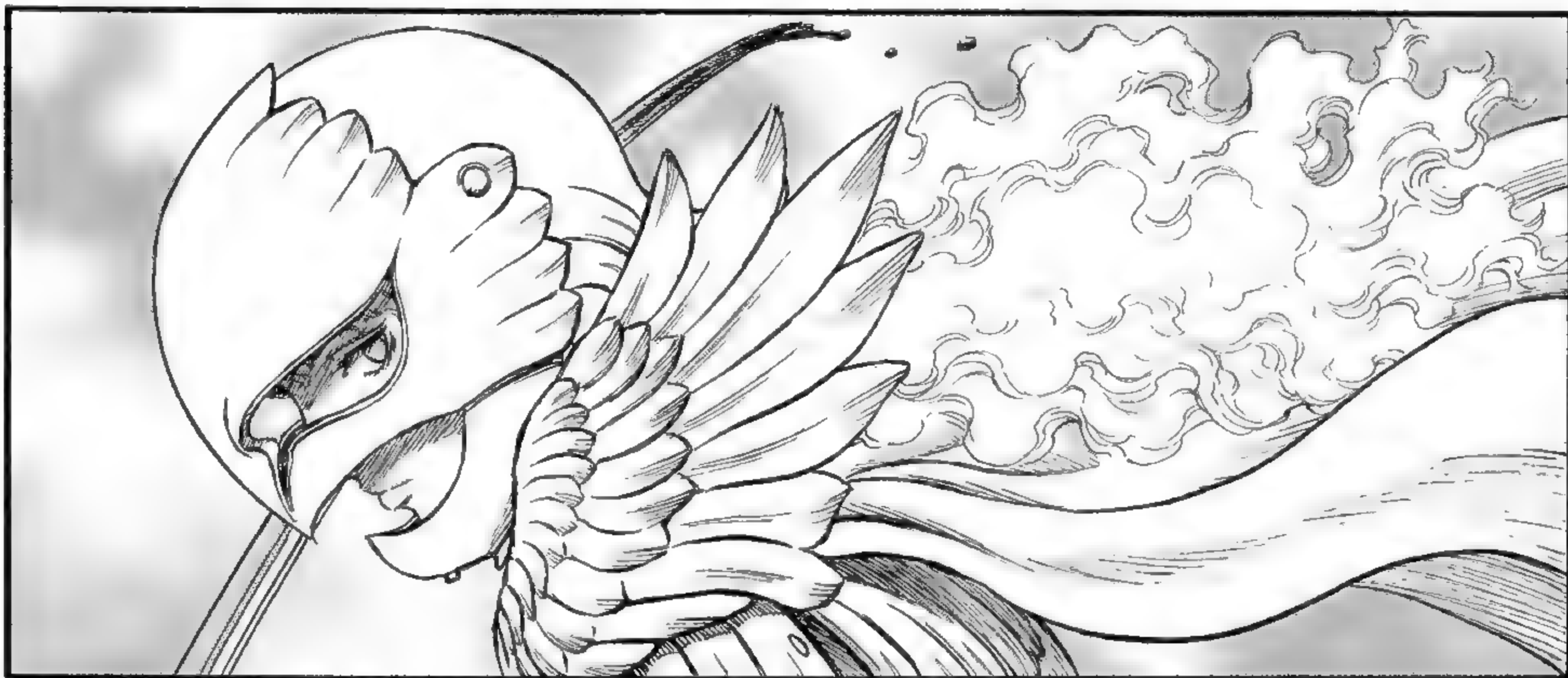
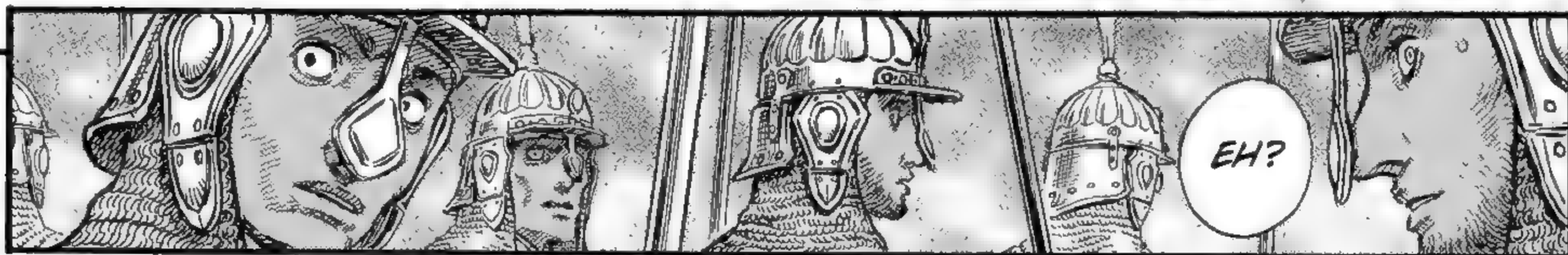


HE...
HE FLEW
?!

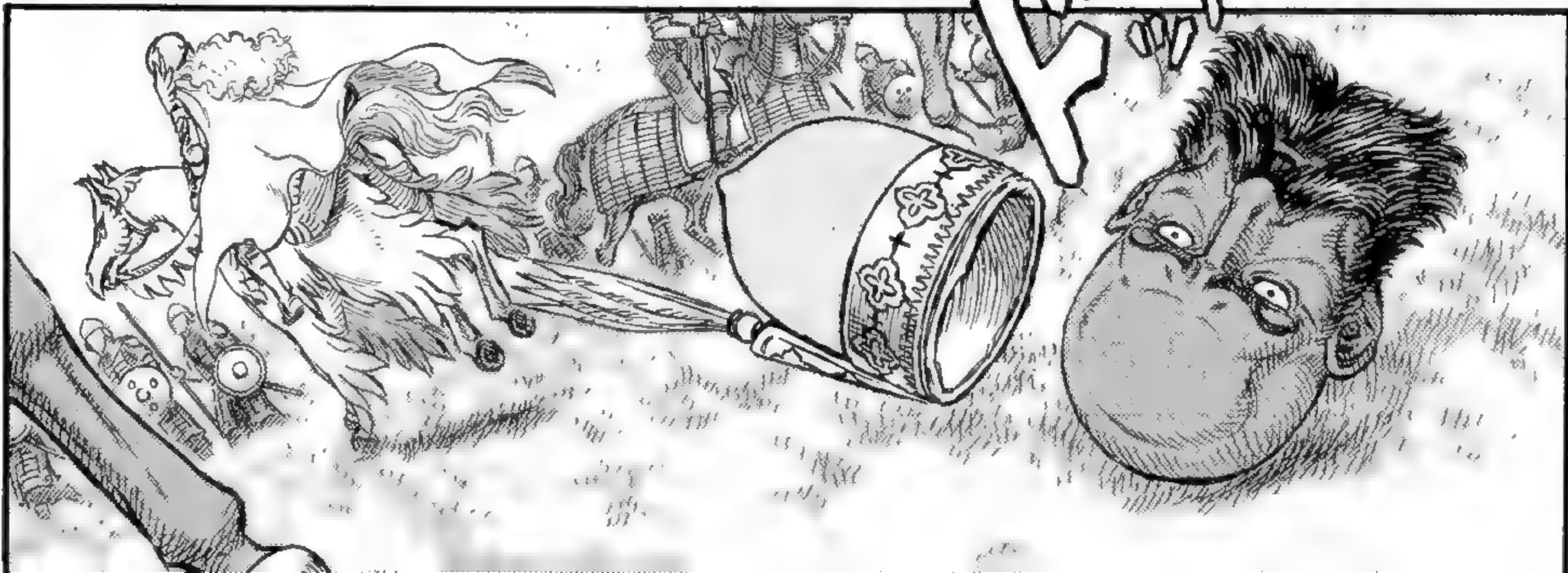


*THWOK

1/2.



*THNK





I'VE
KILLED
THE
LEADER
!!

FINISH
OFF THE
REST OF
THEM !!

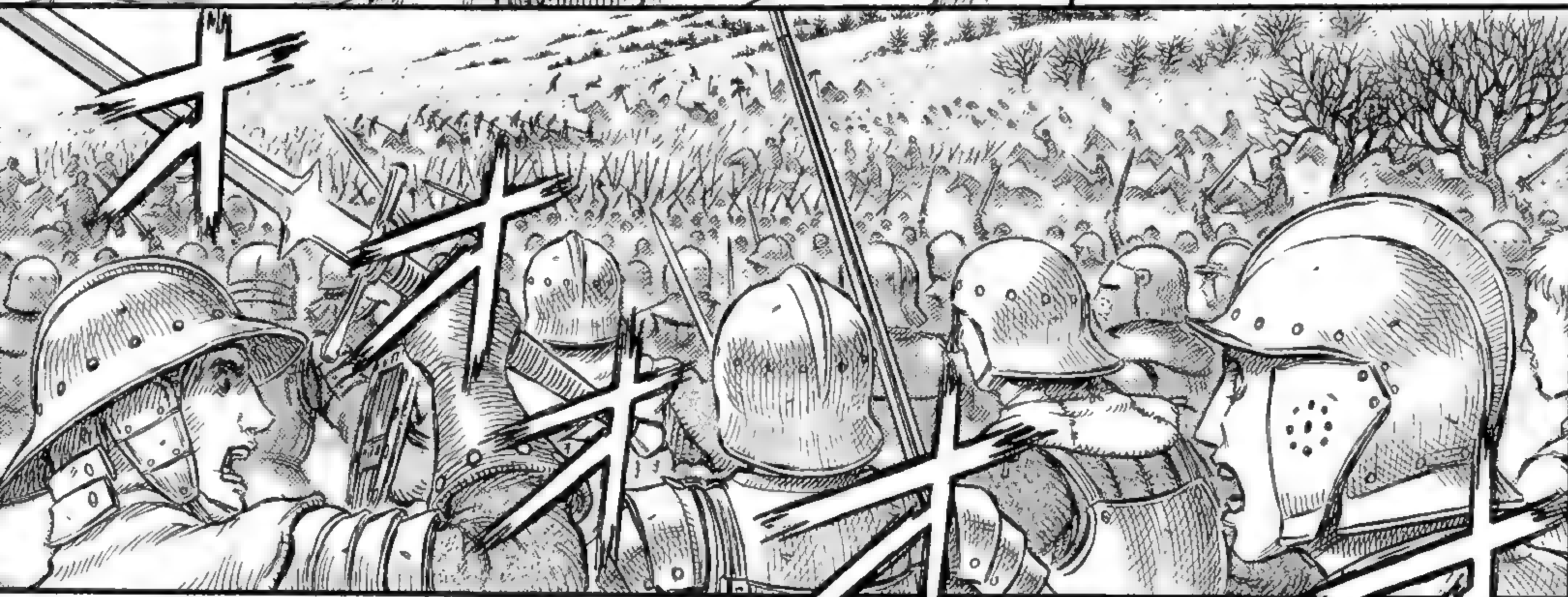
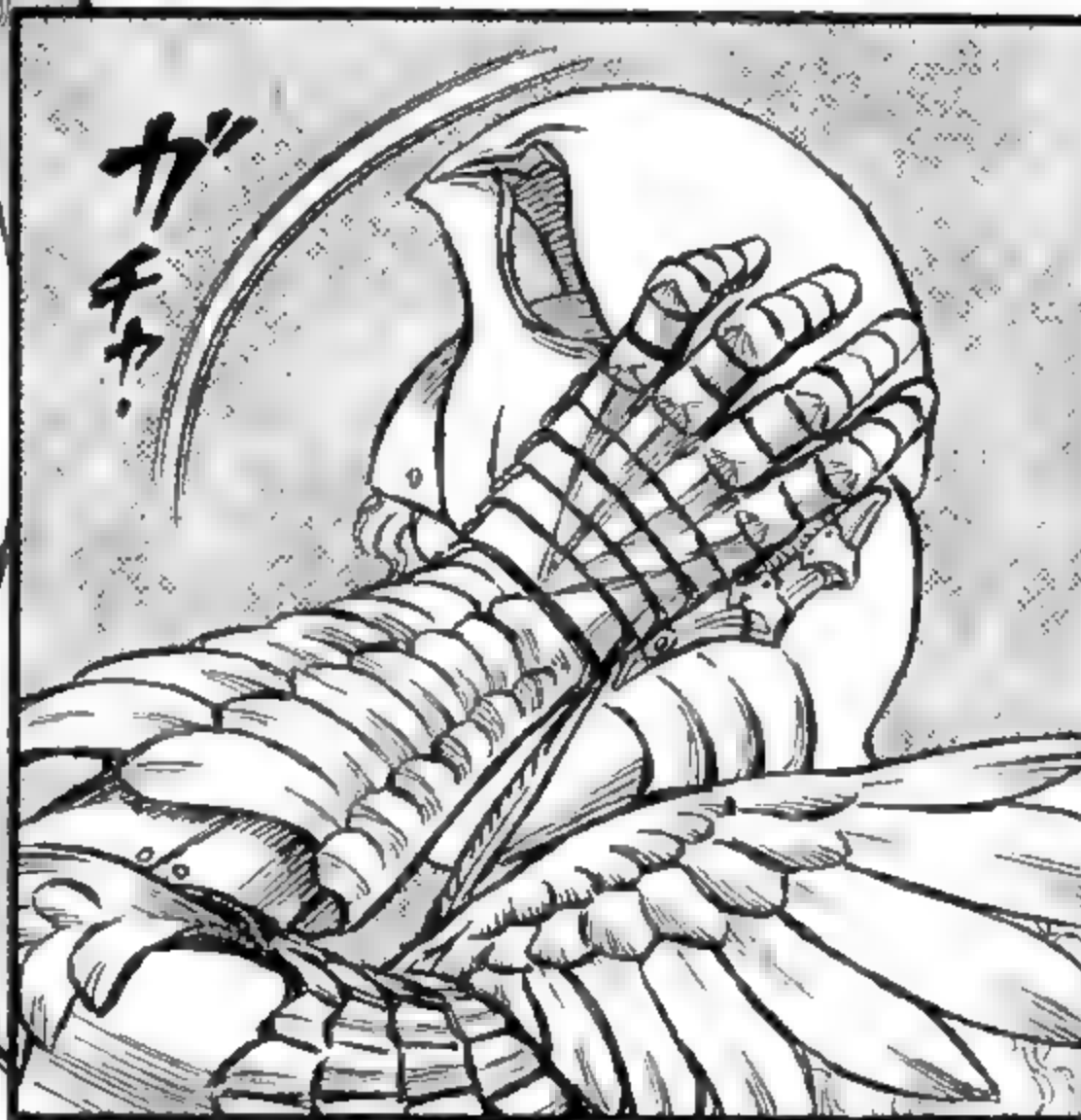


THE
GENER-
AL'S
DEAD!!

GENERAL
?!
G...

WHAT
?

*FX: GCHAK

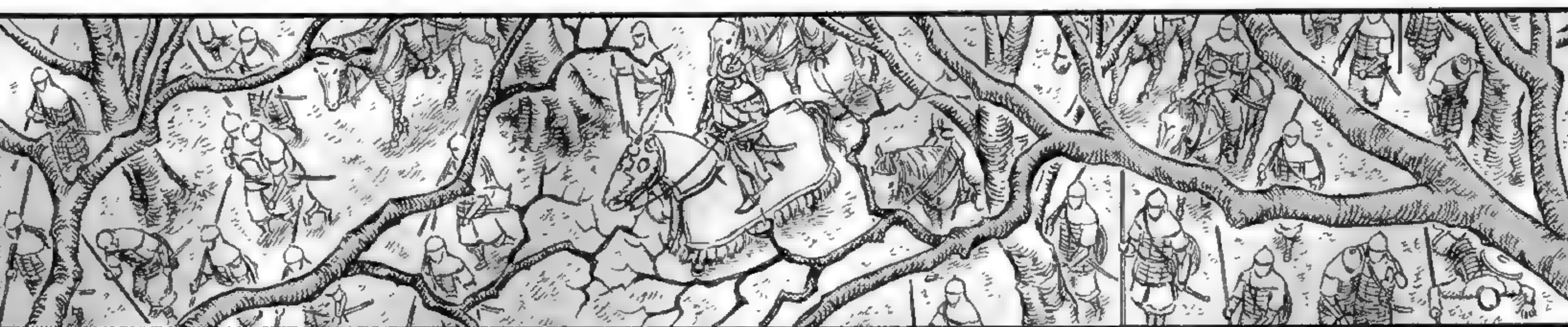
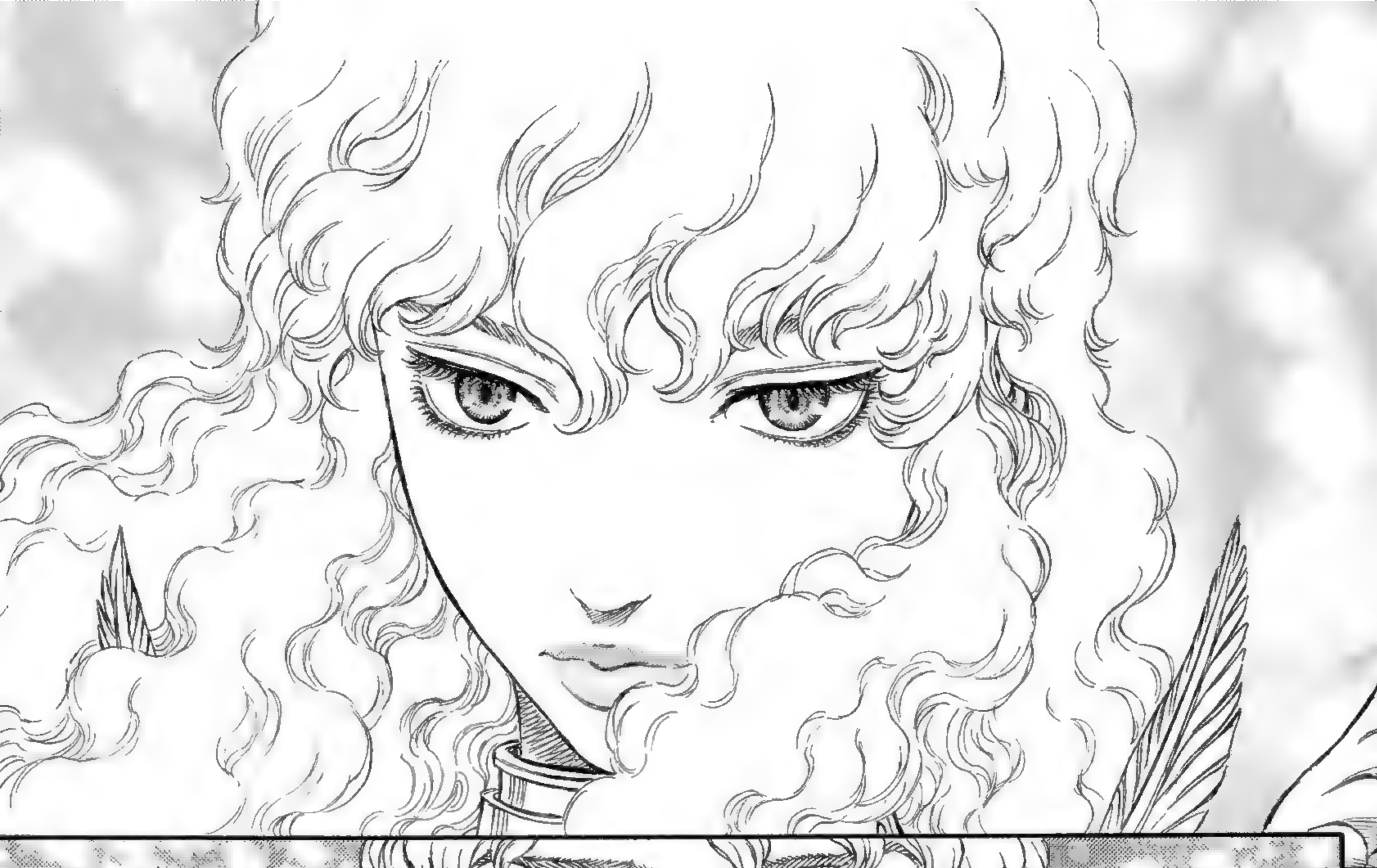


*FX: OHHHH



RE-
TREAT
...!!
RE-
TREEEAT
!!

R...



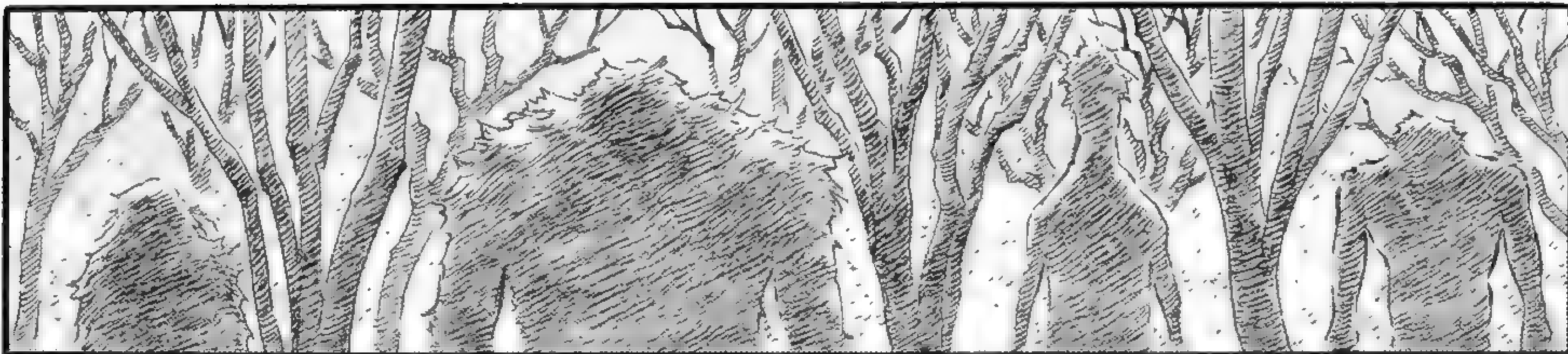
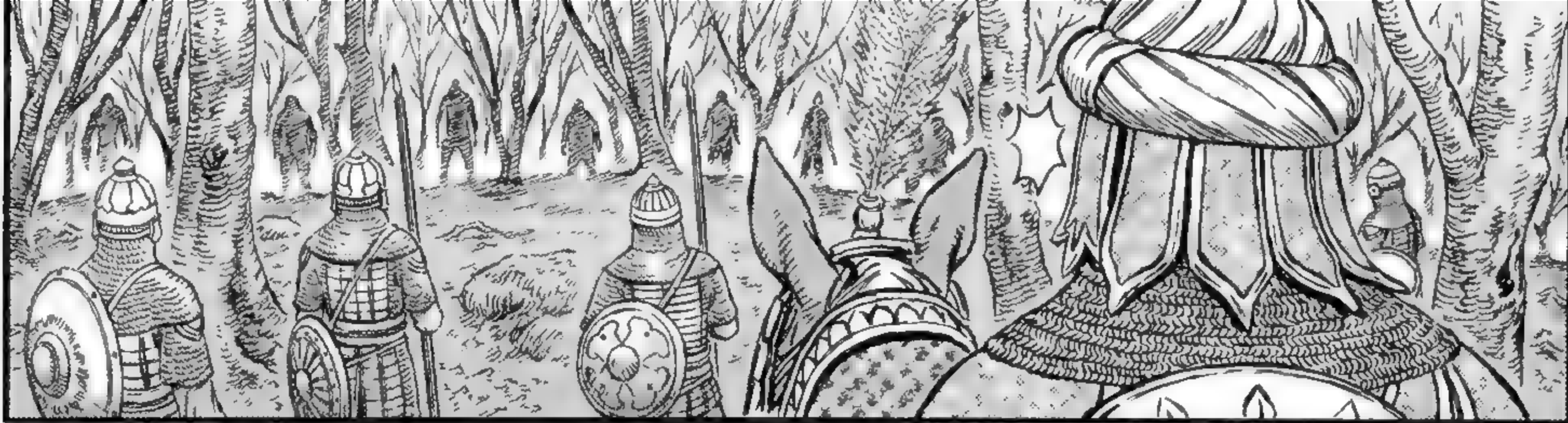
PERHAPS
NOW IS NO
TIME TO TOSS
ASIDE THE
MUTTERINGS
OF THE PRIESTS
AS NONSENSE!
I MUST
HURRY BACK
TO HEAD-
QUARTERS...!

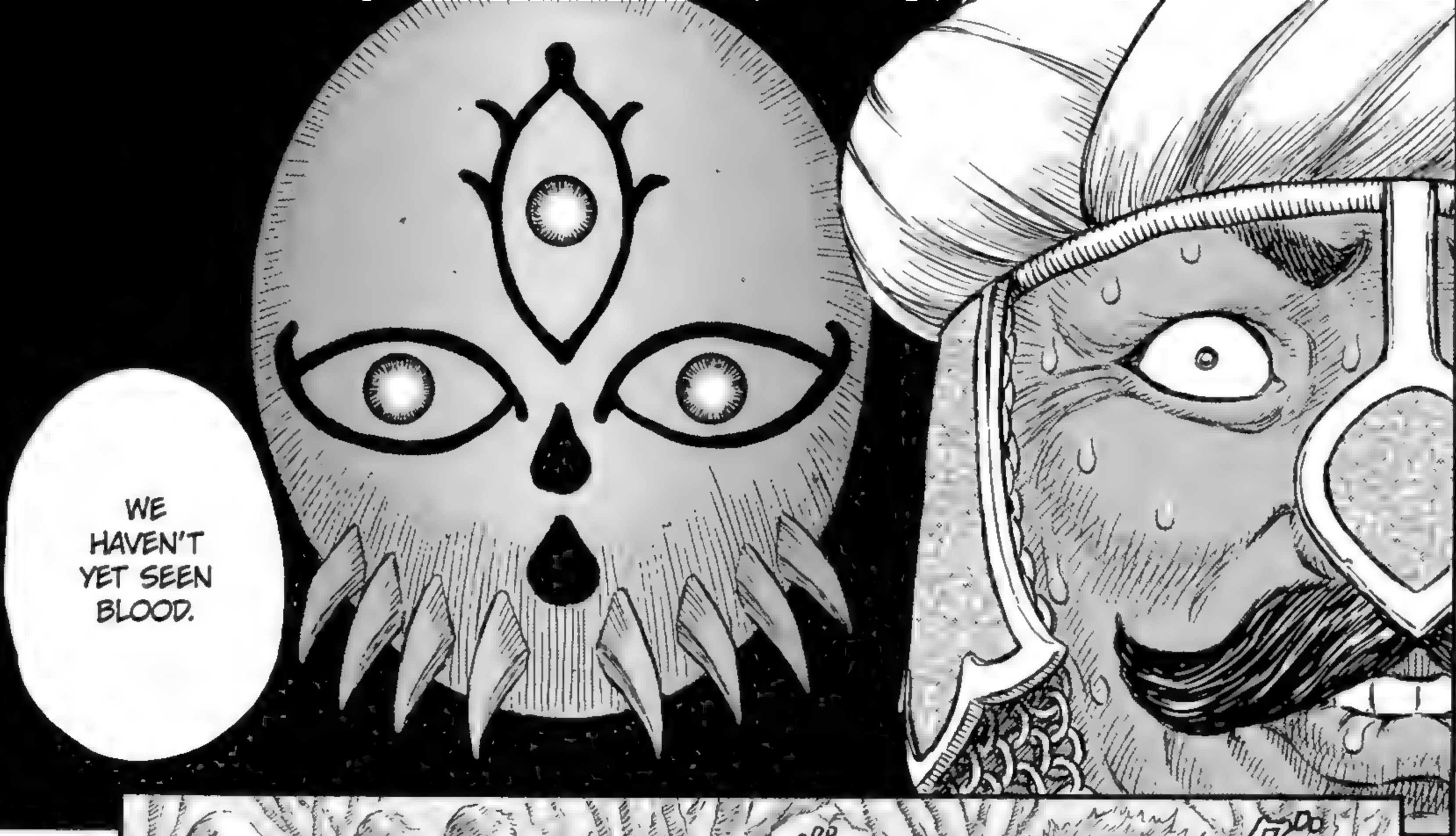
SO
THAT'S
THE HAWK
OF LIGHT
FROM THE
BAKIRAKA
REPORT!

FIVE THOUSAND
OF KUSHAN'S
PROUDLY EVER-
VICTORIOUS
ELITE WERE
ROUTED WITH
EASE!!

WHAT A
DISASTER!
BY NO MORE
THAN A THOUSAND
ENEMIES AT BEST...
NO, IN ACTUALITY
BY THAT
VANGUARD
OF A MERE
HUNDRED!







WE
HAVEN'T
YET SEEN
BLOOD.



*FX: HEEE

*FX: HEH HEH

*FX: HFF HF HF



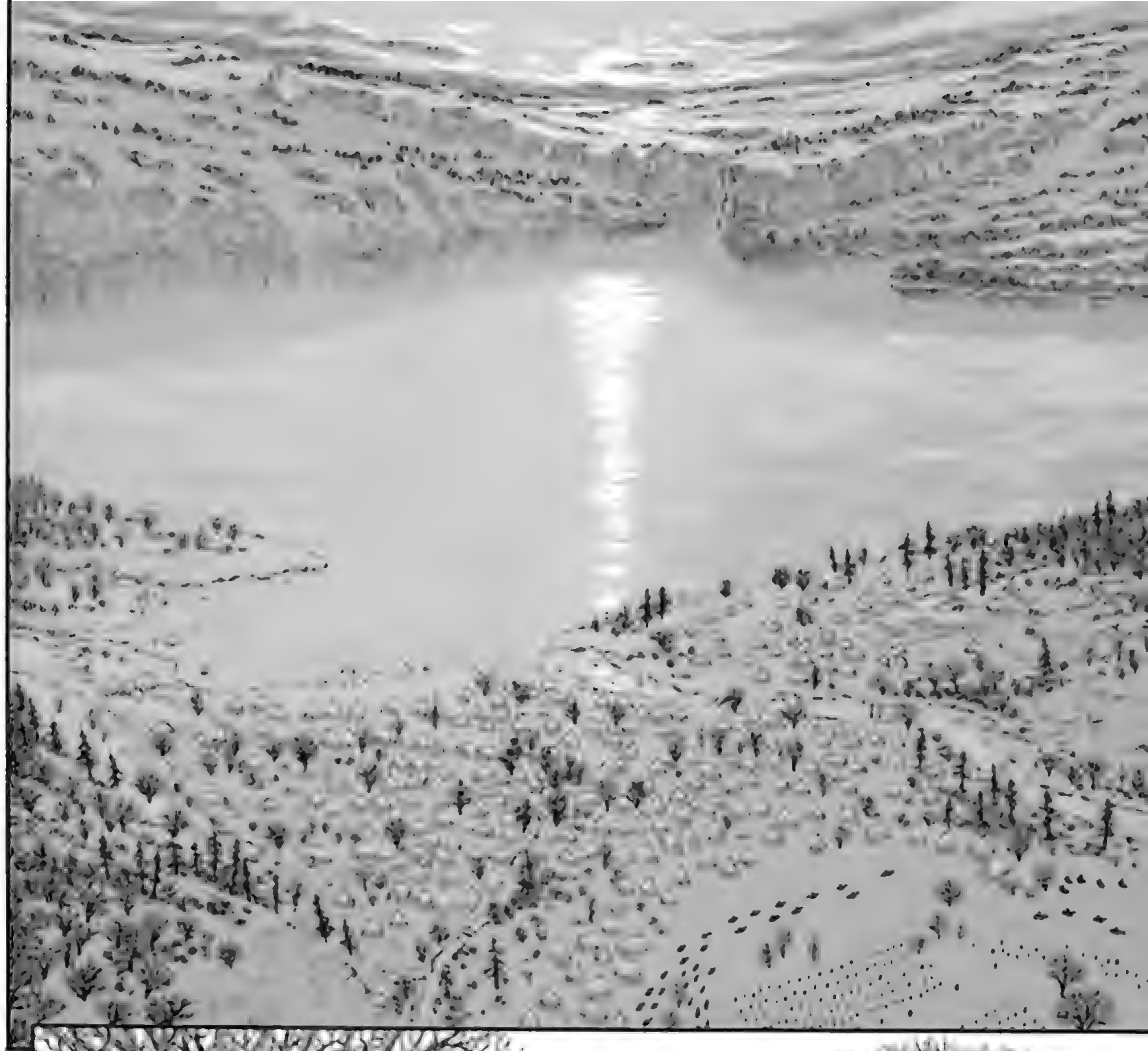
*GUHAHAHAHAHA HAH



*FX: GYAHHHH

*FX. AIIIEEE







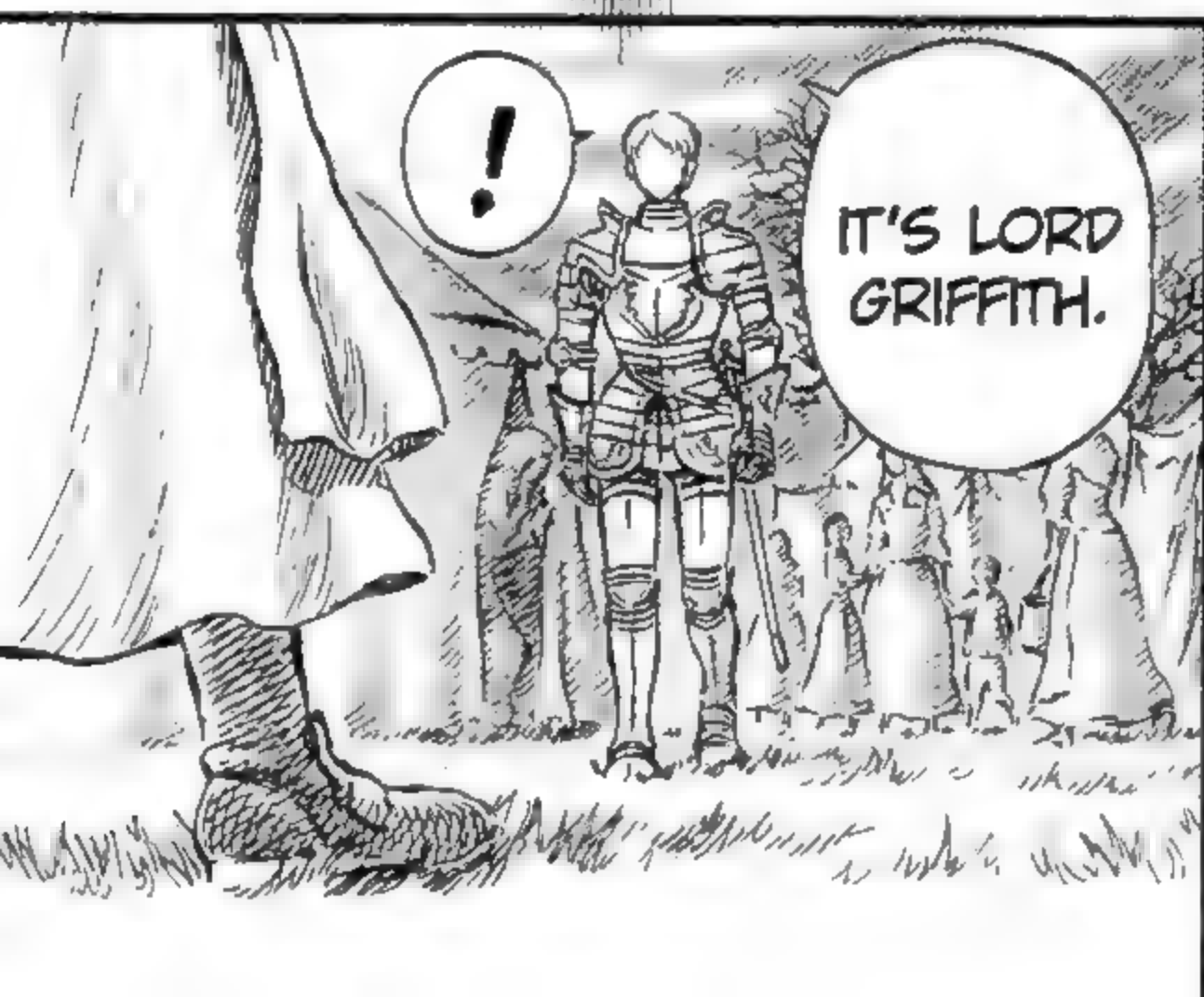
IS THIS
REALLY A
BATTLEFIELD
?

UNBELIEV-
ABLE...



IT LOOKS
JUST LIKE
SUPPERTIME
IN SOME
PEACEFUL
VILLAGE.

WOMEN,
CHILDEN,
THE
ELDERLY...



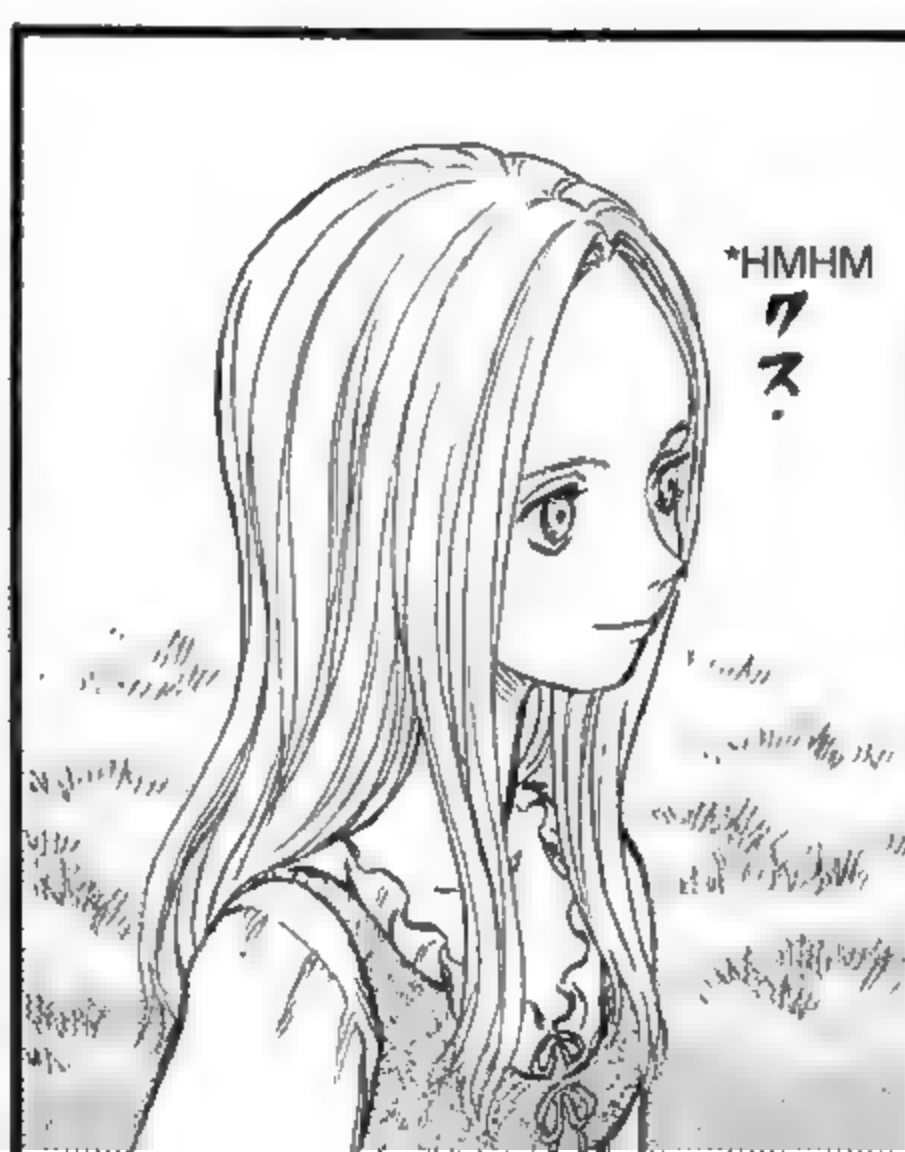
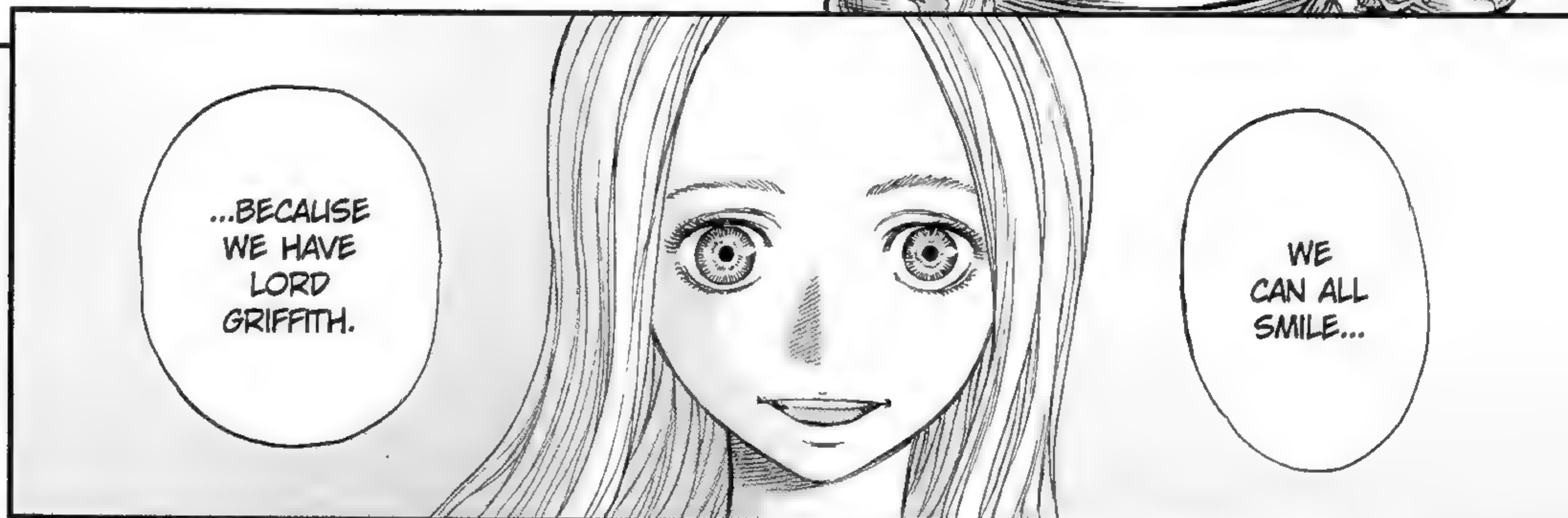
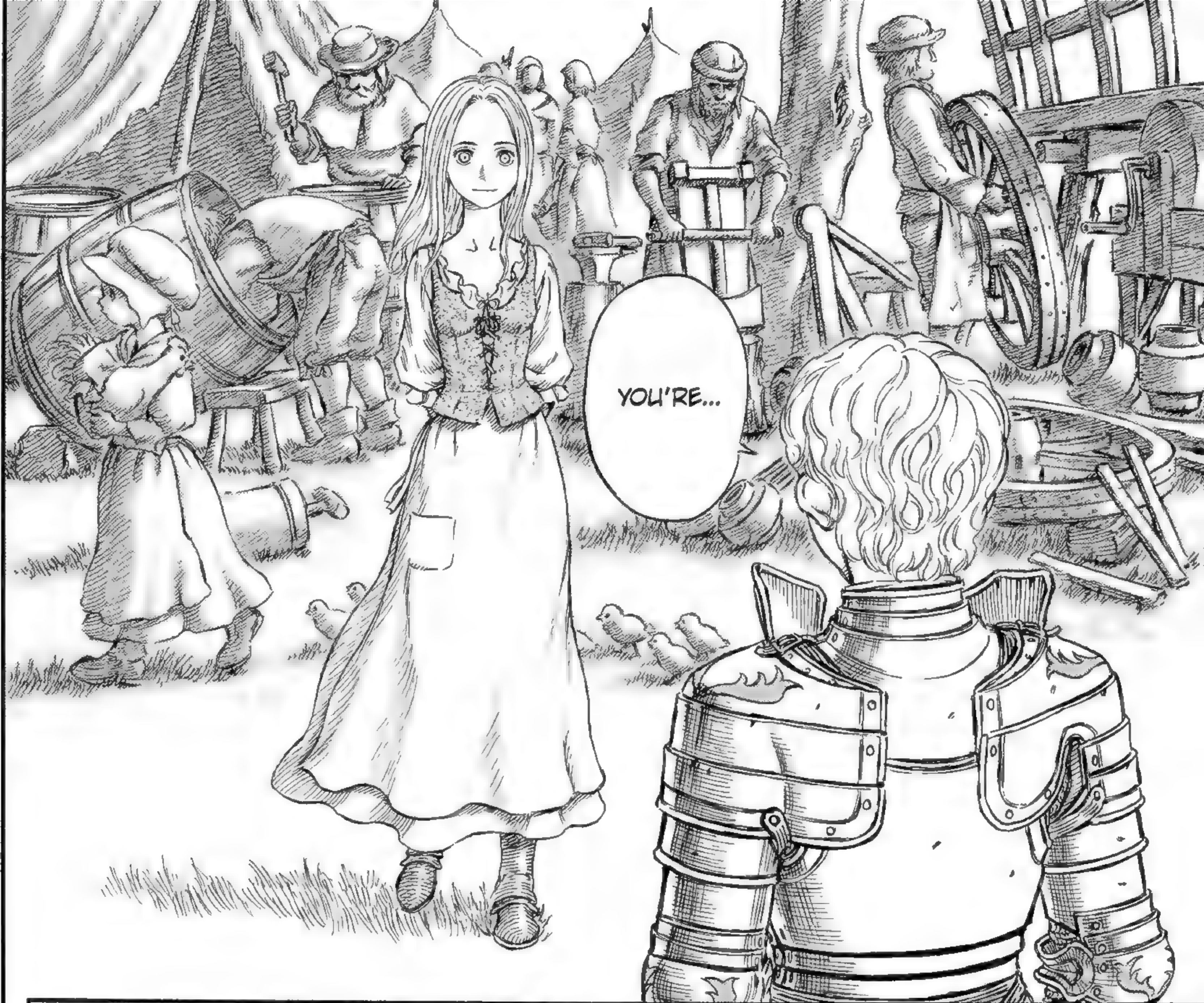
!

IT'S LORD
GRIFFITH.



THESE
GENTLE,
SMILING
FACES...

THEY DON'T
SEEM LIKE
PEOPLE WHO'VE
BEEN OVERRUN
BY A FOREIGN
ARMY.



WITH THE
HAWK IN
COMMAND,
IT CAN'T BE
ANYTHING
ELSE.

EVERYONE
ASKED LORD
GRIFFITH
TO NAME
IT SO.

NAMED
AFTER THAT
LEGENDARY
BAND OF
THE HAWK.

RIGHT.

BAND
OF THE
HAWK...

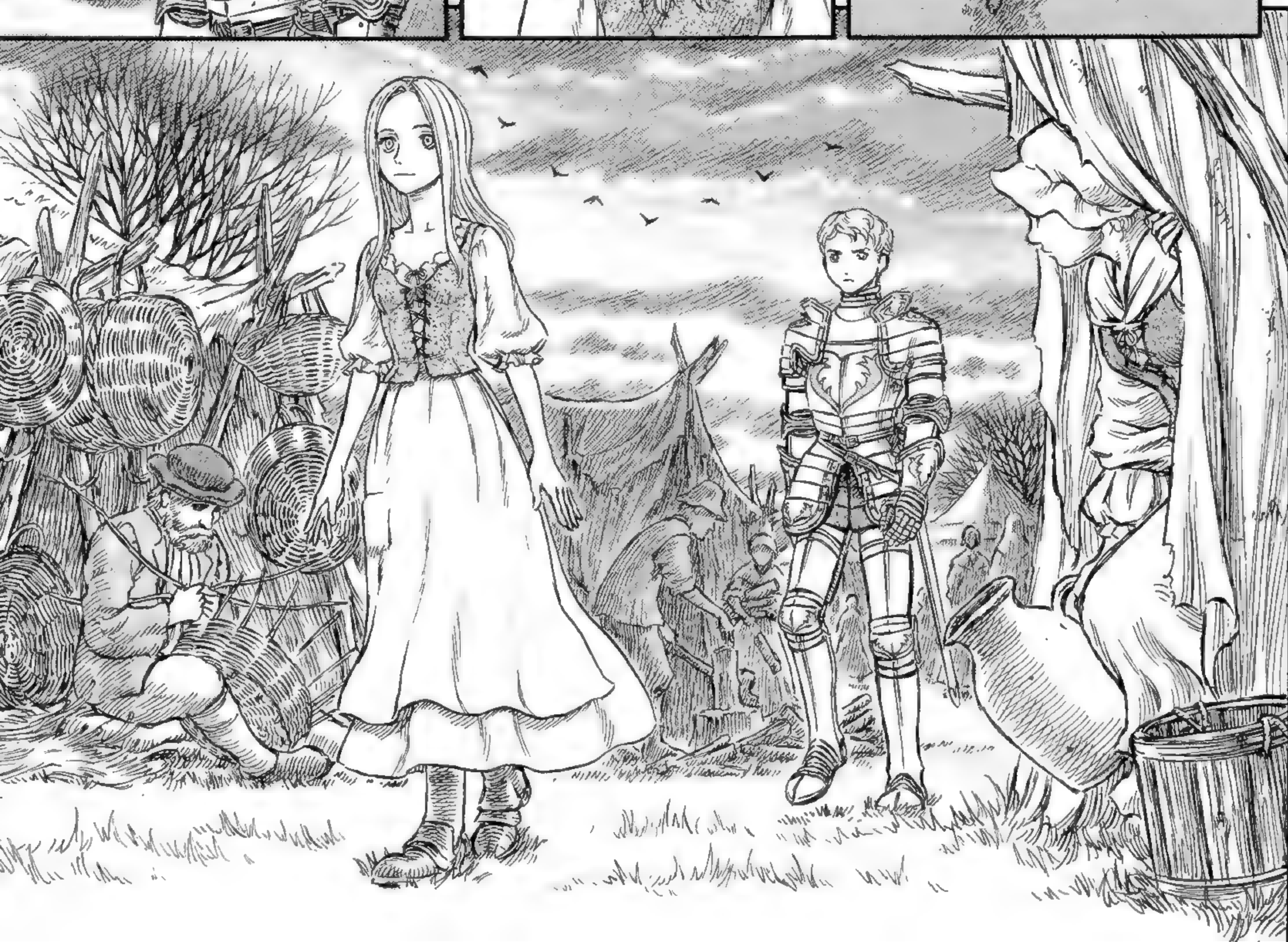


MEET
LORD
GRIF-
FITH.

YOU
WANT
TO
MEET
HIM,
DON'T
YOU?

NOW,
COME
WITH
ME.

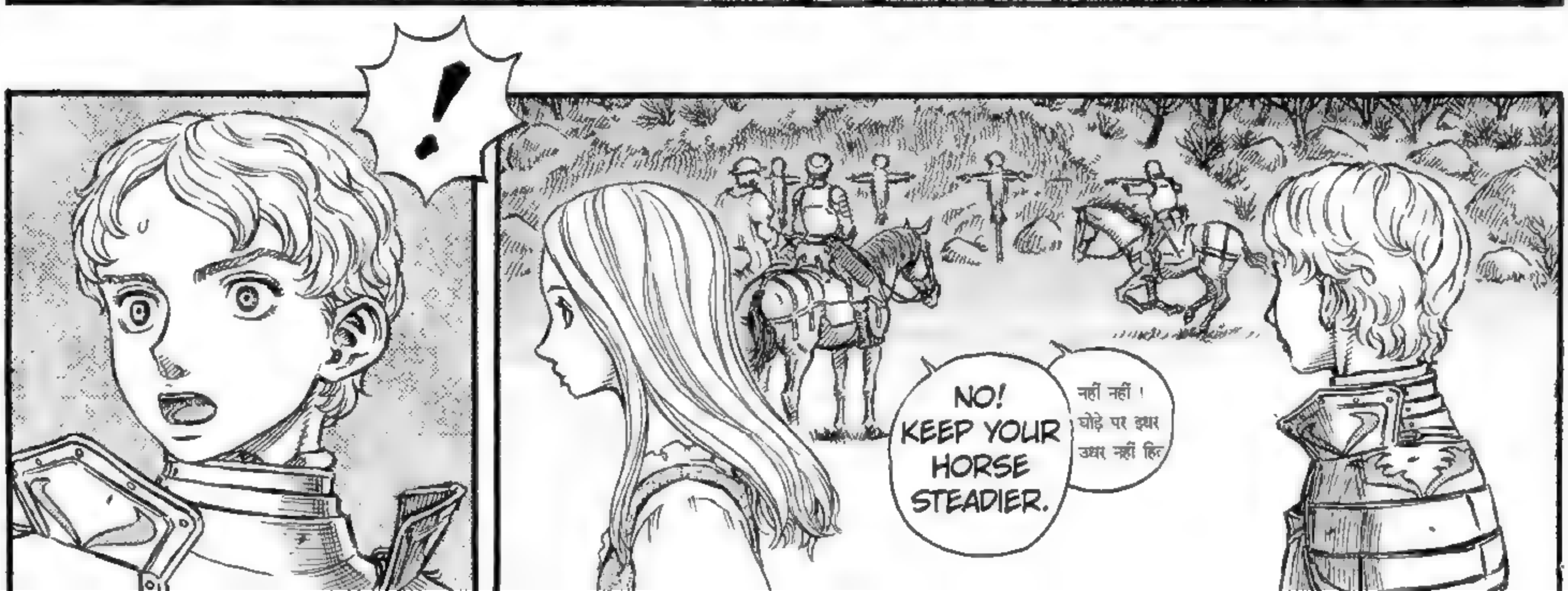
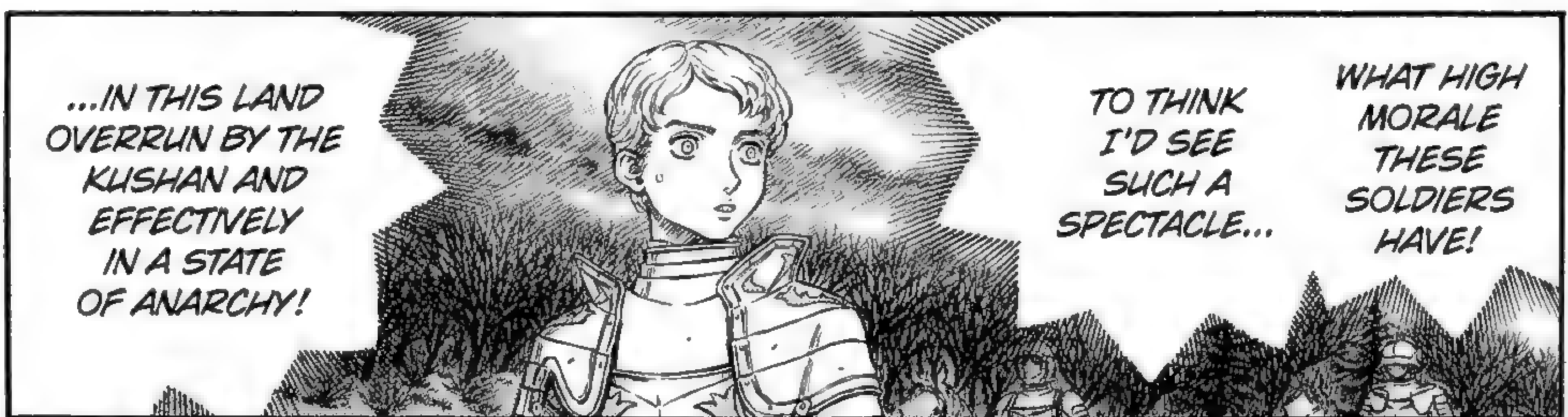
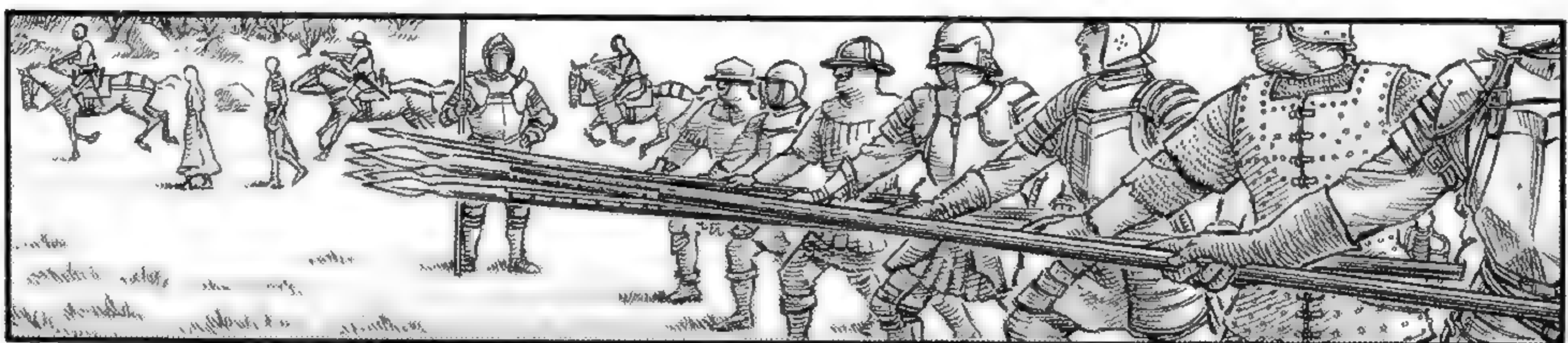
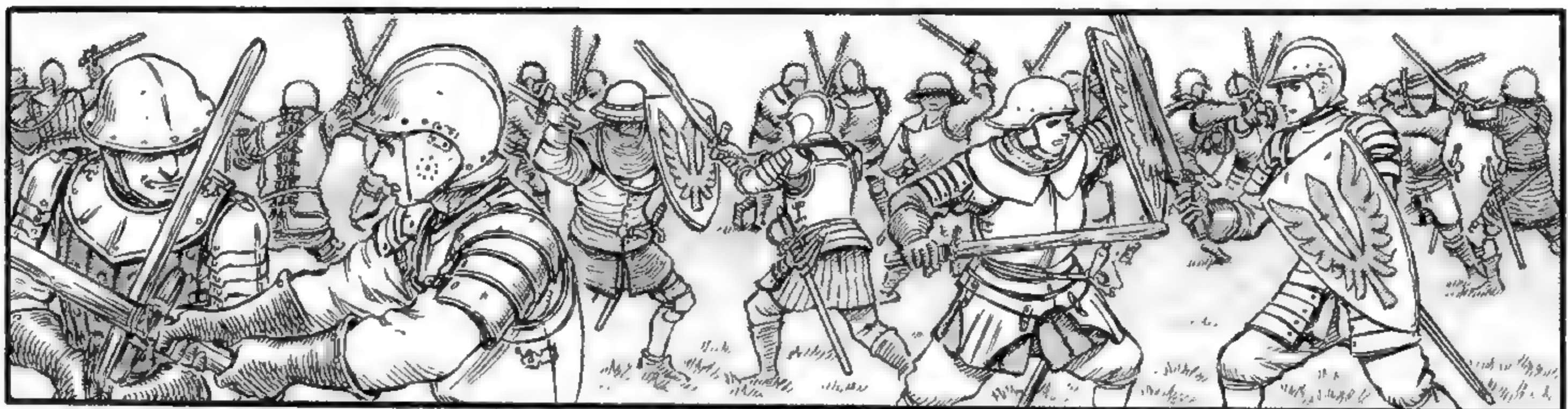
!



WINGS OF LIGHT
AND DARKNESS

光と闇の翼

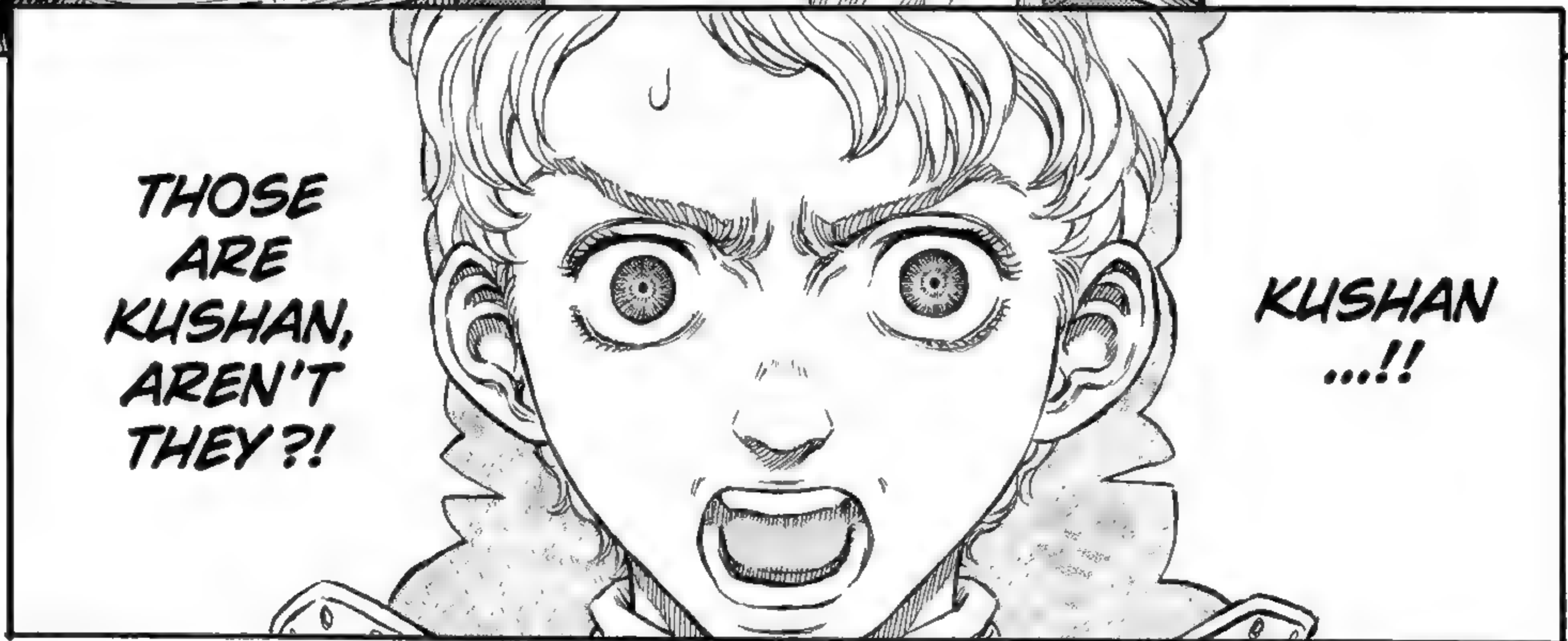
BERSERK





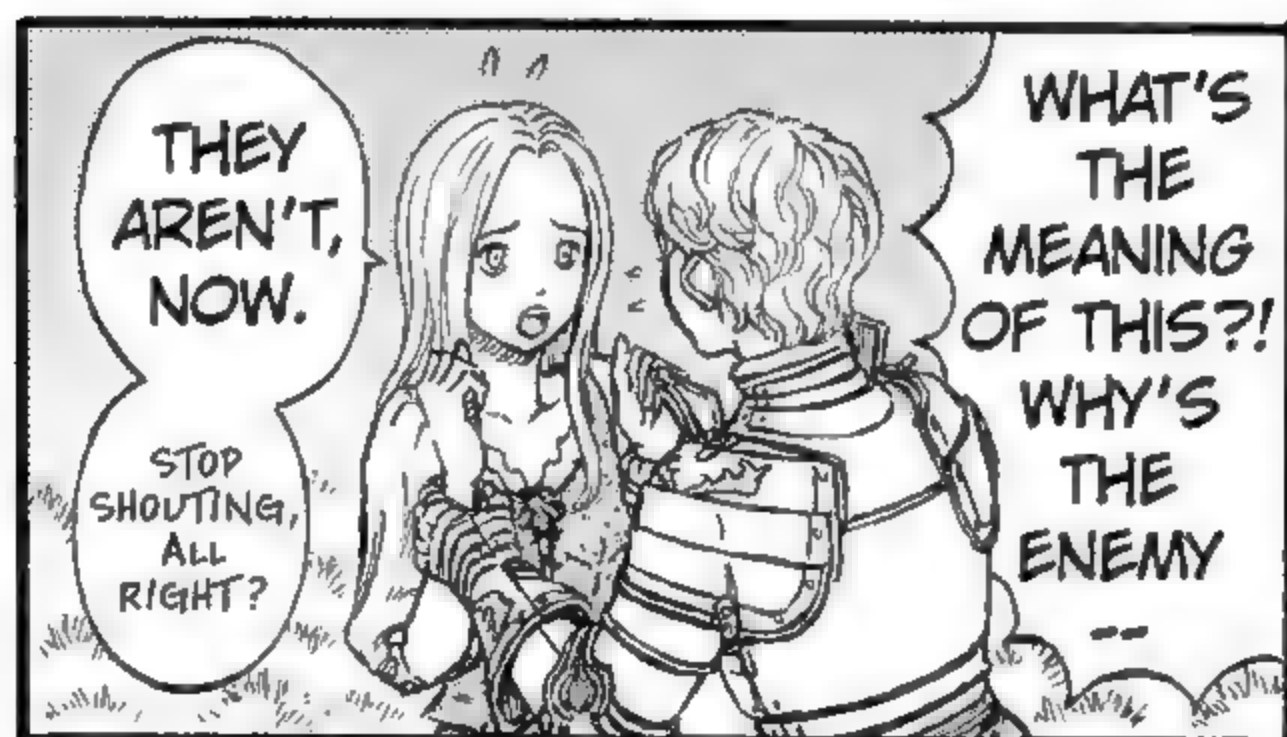
TRY NOT
TO LET THE
HORSE'S
BARREL MOVE
UP AND
DOWN.

घोड़े को
साध
कर रखो।



THOSE
ARE
KUSHAN,
AREN'T
THEY?!

KUSHAN
...!!



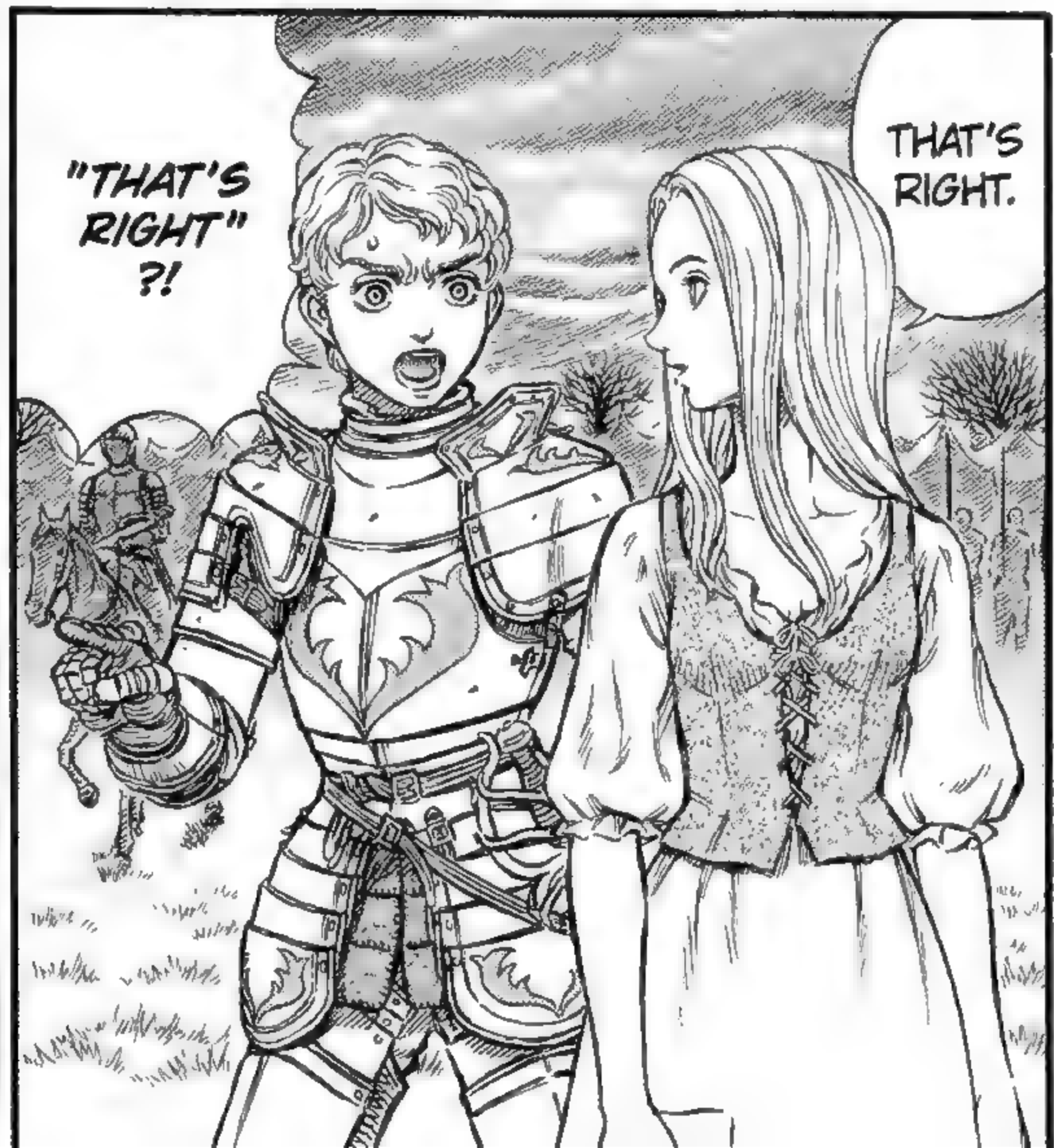
THEY
AREN'T,
NOW.

STOP
SHOUTING,
ALL
RIGHT?

WHAT'S
THE
MEANING
OF THIS?!
WHY'S
THE
ENEMY
--

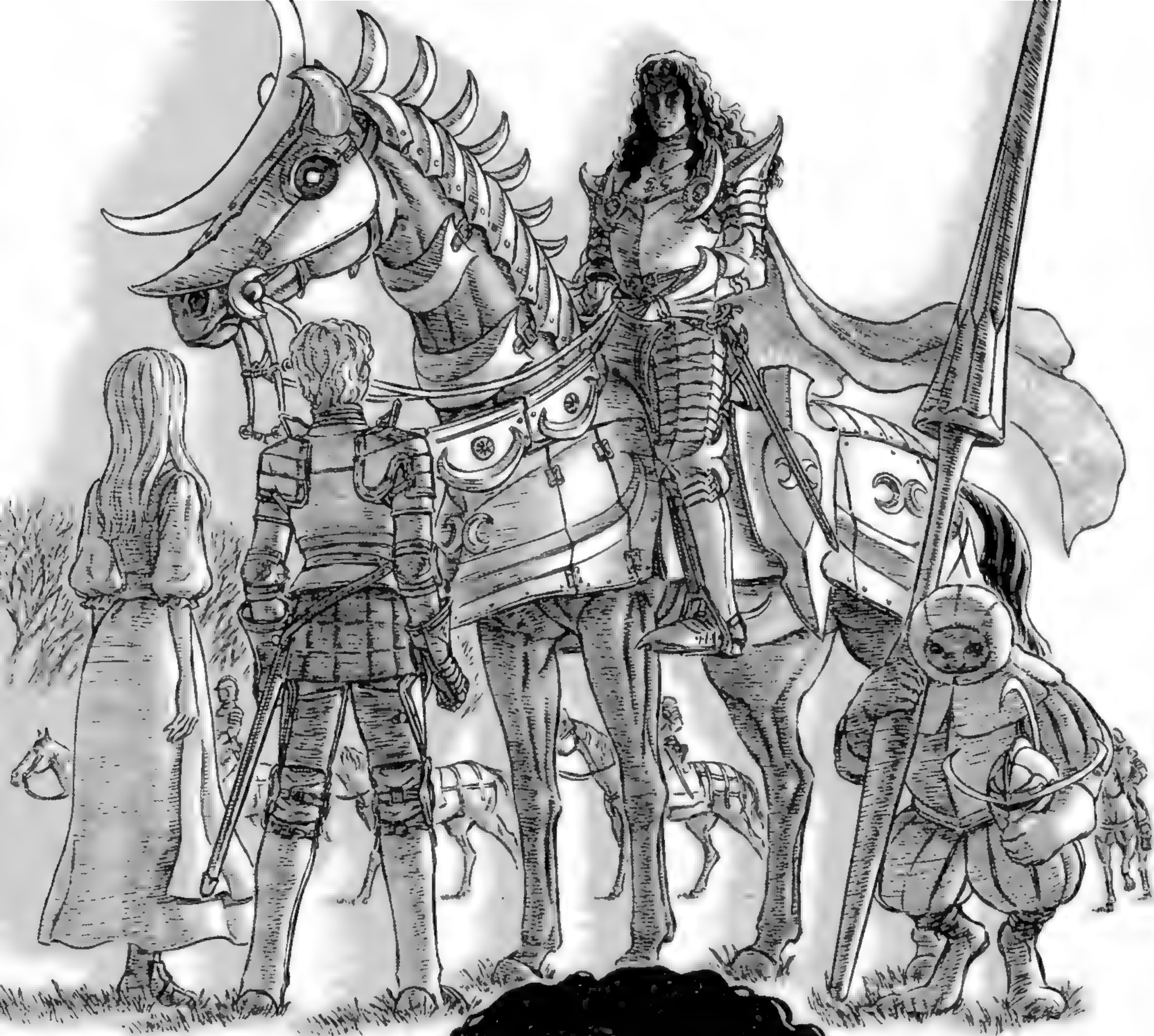


THEY'RE
PLEDGES.



"THAT'S
RIGHT"
?!

THAT'S
RIGHT.



ALTHOUGH,
IN THEIR EMPIRE,
THEY WOULD
APPARENTLY
BE CALLED
"WAR
SLAVES."



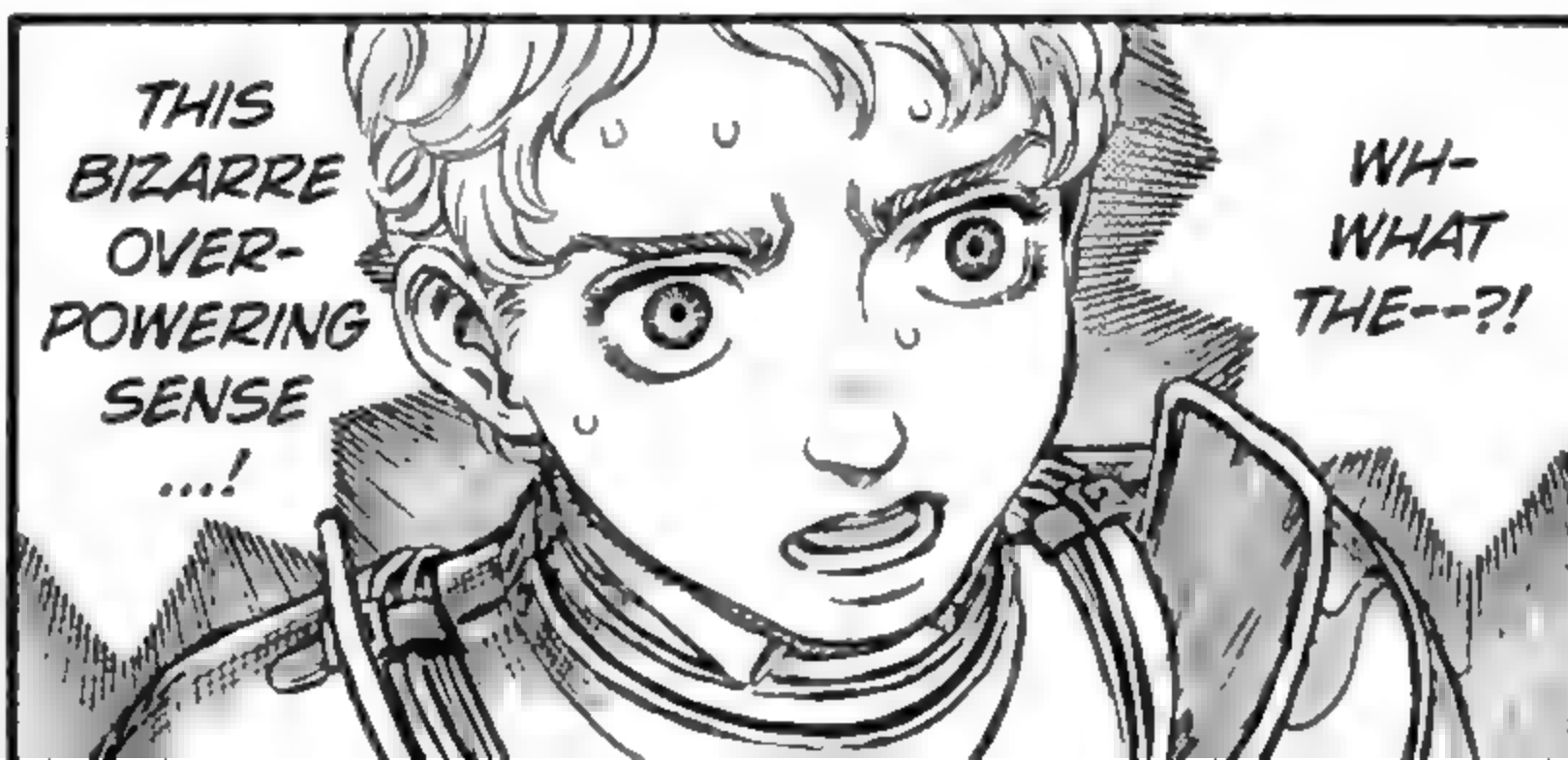
...I'M BEING
STARED
DOWN
BY SOME
HUGE
BEAST!

IT'S
LIKE...

2
"CLENCH"

THIS
BIZARRE
OVER-
POWERING
SENSE
...!

WH-
WHAT
THE--?!



DEPENDING ON
HOW PLEDGES
PERFORM
AFTERWARDS,
THEY ARE
PROMOTED JUST
LIKE ANY OTHER
SOLDIER AND
SOMETIMES EVEN
PUT IN CHARGE
OF OTHERS.

IT IS THE LAW
OF OUR ARMY.
SOLDIERS TAKEN
PRISONER WHO
SURVIVE THE
FULL BRUNT OF
BATTLE THREE
TIMES ARE MADE
TO CHOOSE
CONCILIATION
OR DEATH.

THEY ARE
AN EMPIRE
COMPRISING
ONE ROYAL
HOUSE OVER
VARIOUS
LESSER
HOUSES...

THE KUSHAN
ARE NOT
NECESSARILY
MONOLITHIC.

...AND
MANY
GRUDGES
EXIST
AMONG
THEM.

LETTING
PREVIOUS
ENEMIES
COMMAND
OUR MEN SO
READILY...!

THAT'S
ABSURD
!!

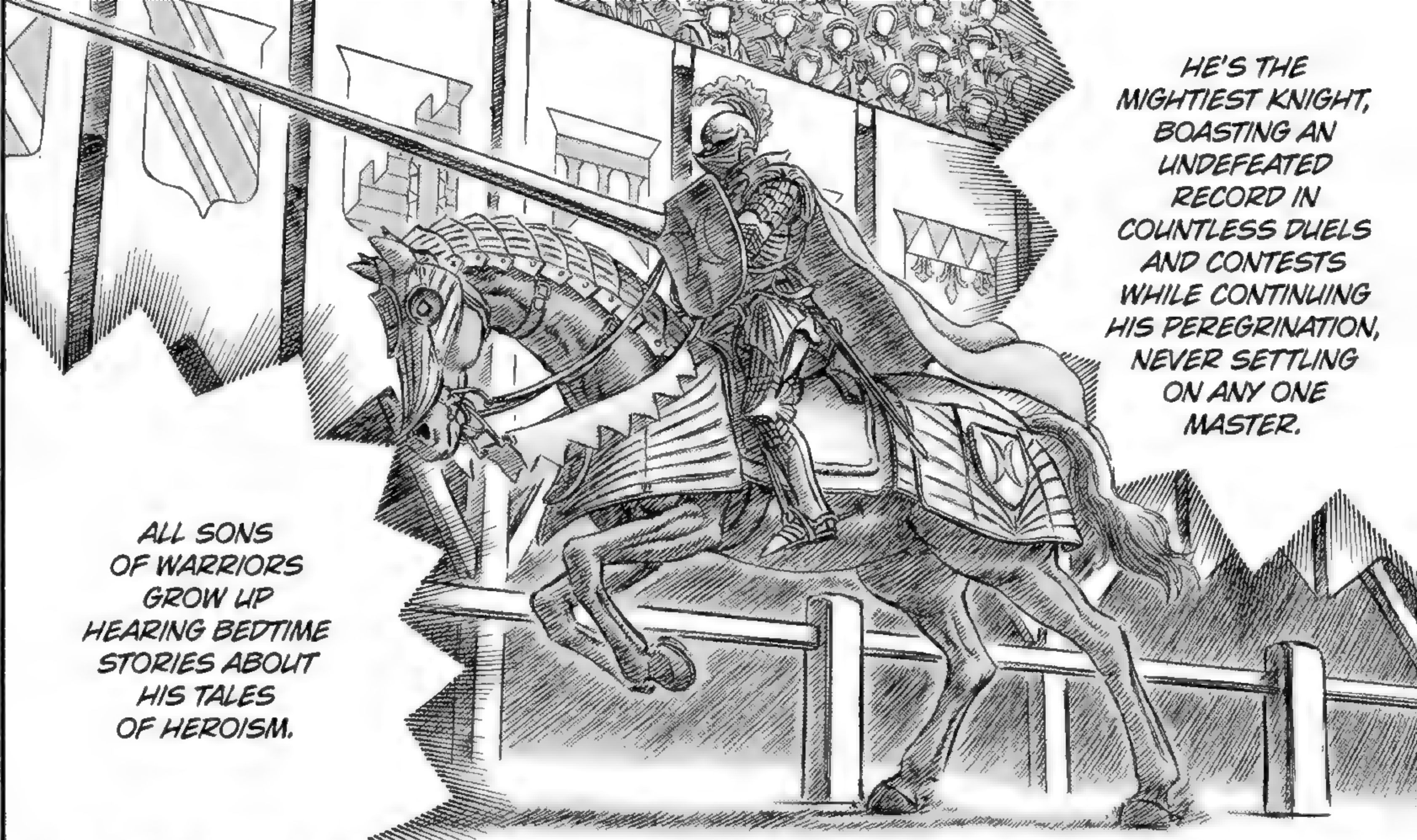
WE ARE AN ARMY THAT HAS LEARNED
FROM THE KUSHAN AND REFINED
ITSELF. THE KUSHAN COMMAND MEN
ONLY BY FEAR, BUT WE MAKE USE
OF BOTH FEAR AND INCENTIVE.

CITIES...
HOUSES...
THE BITTERNESS
OF THOSE
WITH SLAIN
PARENTS AND
BROTHERS...!!

BUT...
WHAT ABOUT
THE FEELINGS
OF THE
PEOPLE OF
MIDLAND?!

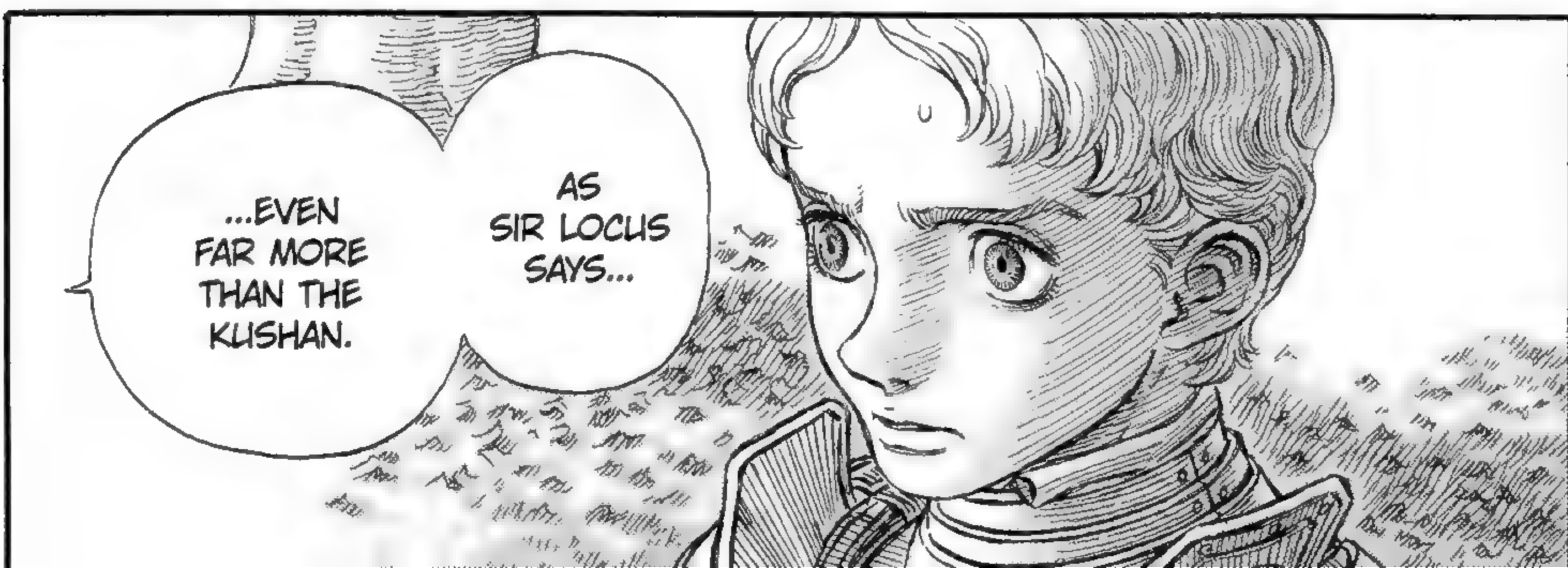
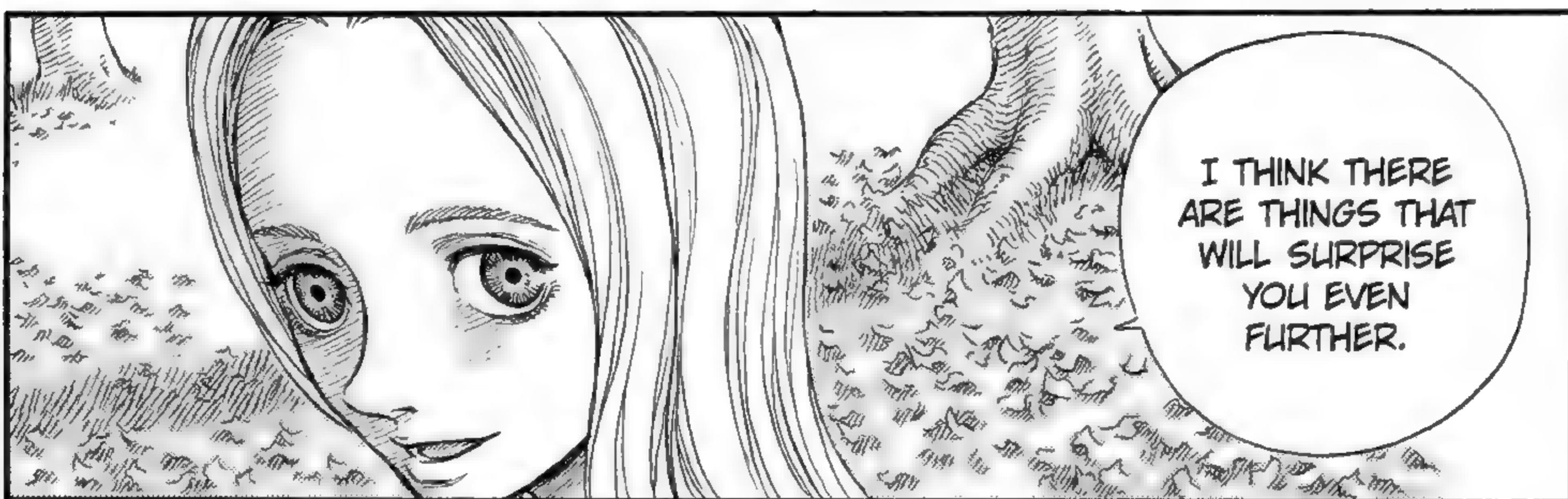
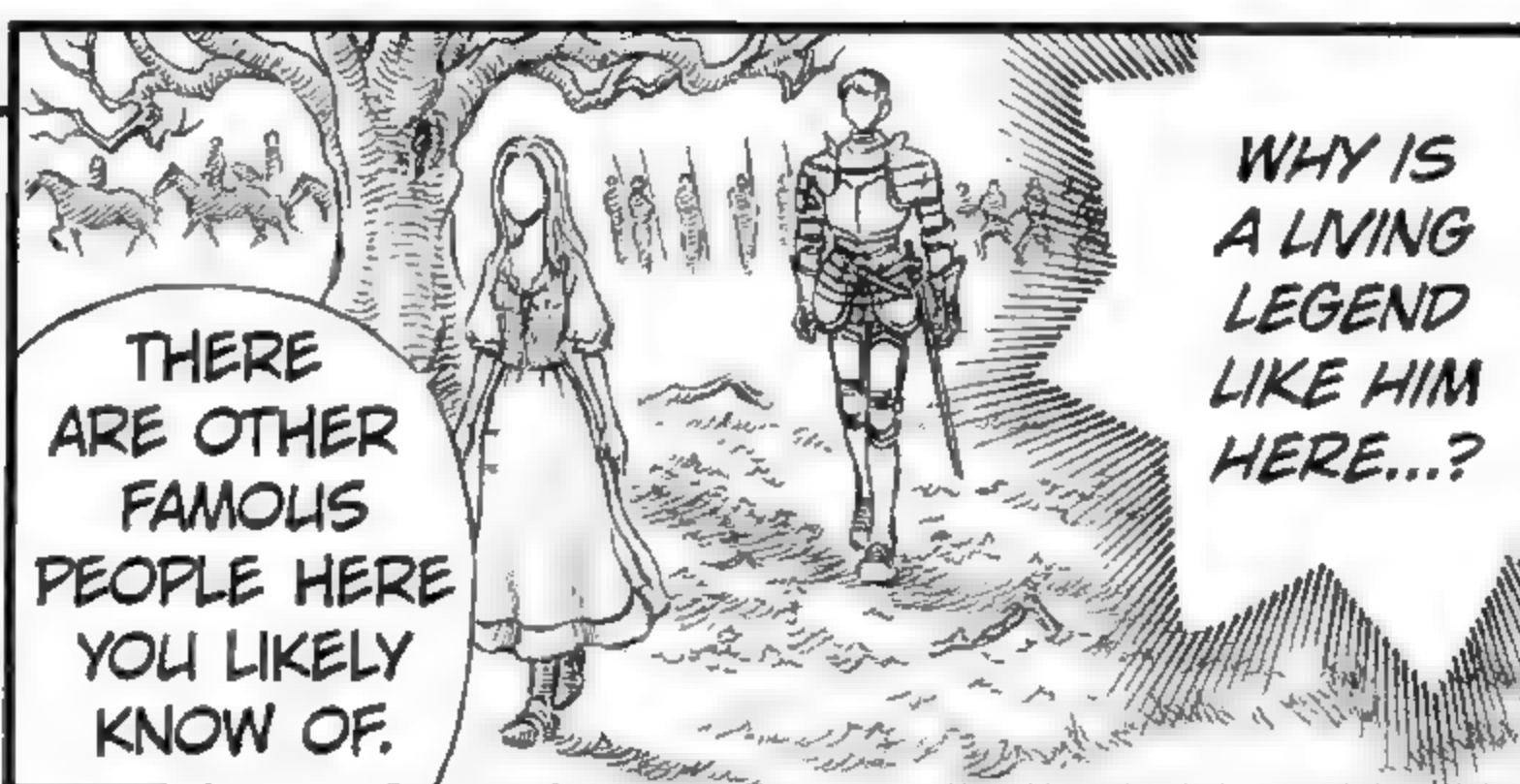
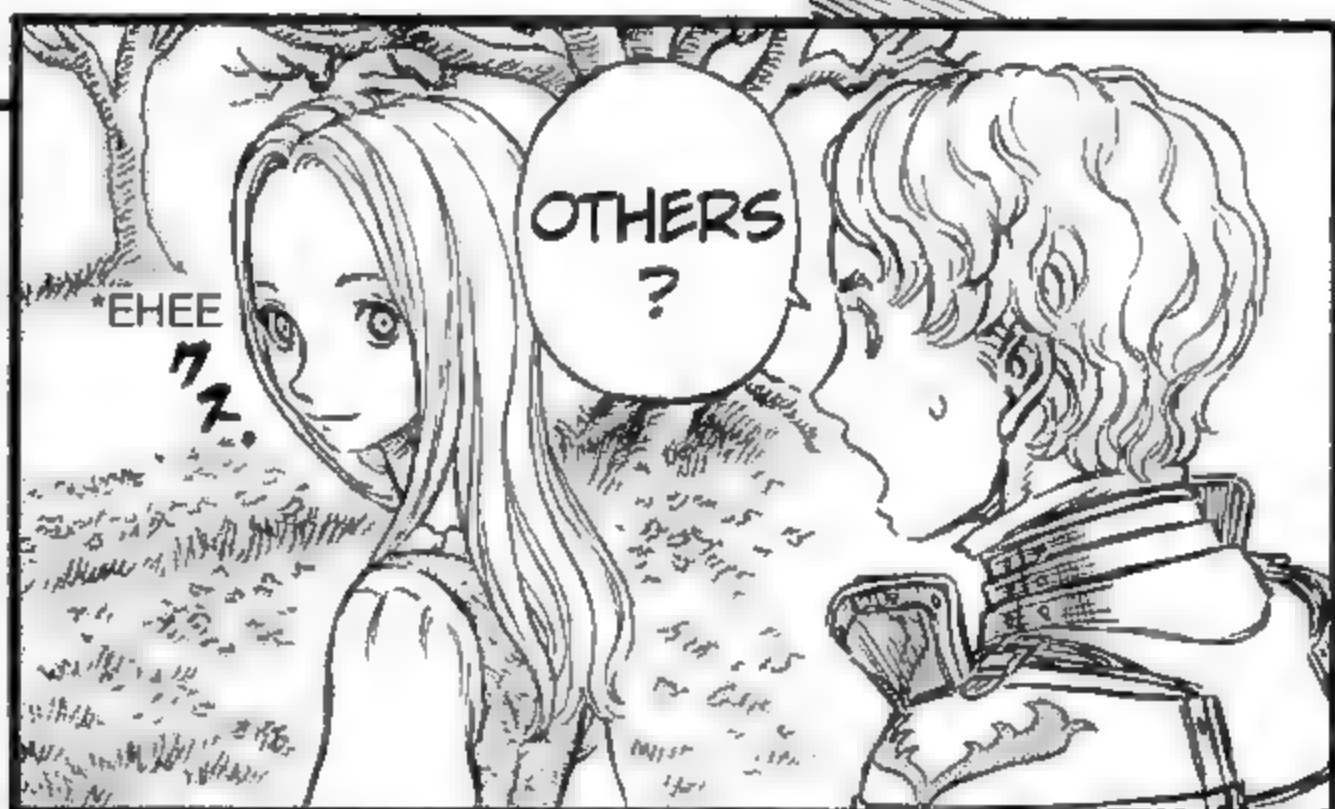
AND MORE
THAN ANYTHING,
PUTTING THEM IN
HARM'S WAY ON
THE FRONT LINES
MEANS WE CAN
SURELY REDUCE
CASUALTIES AMONG
OUR BRETHREN.
THUS, LESS TEARS
SHED BY OUR
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN.

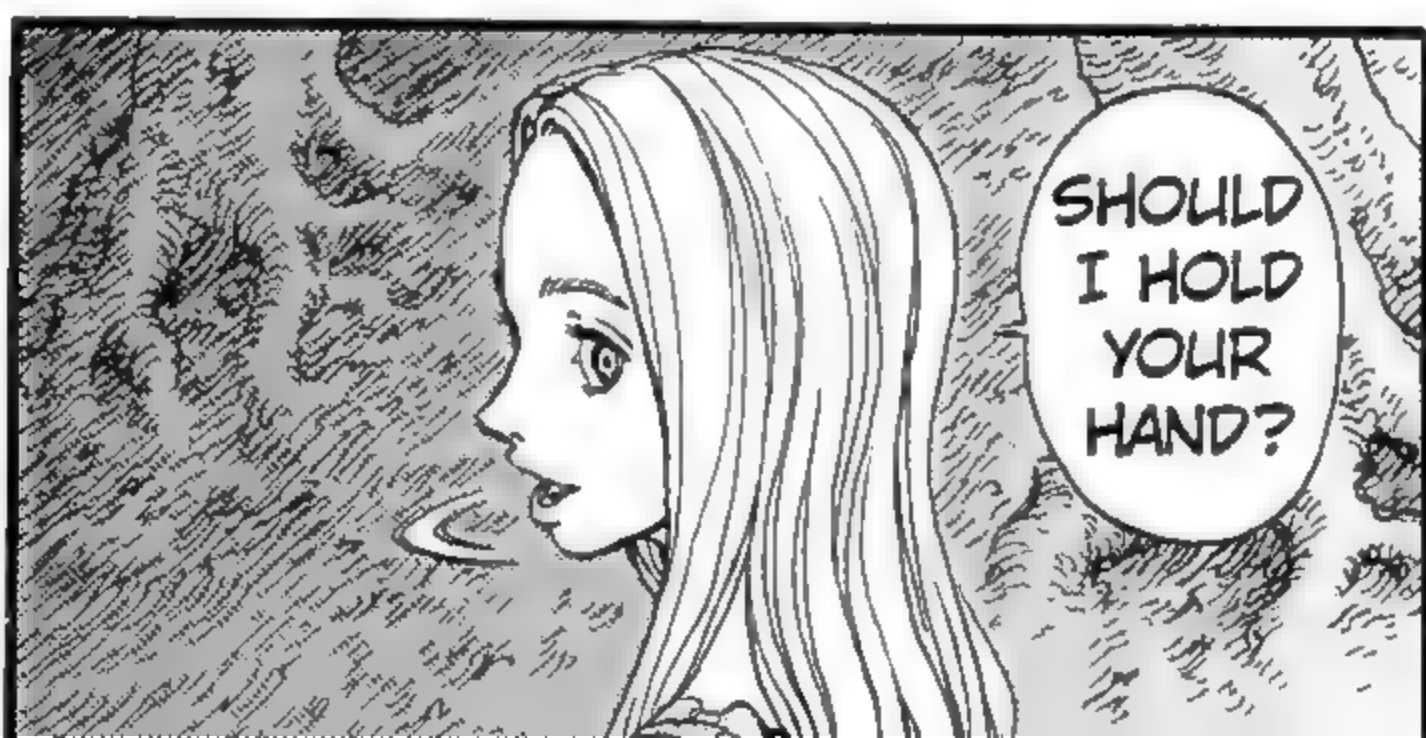
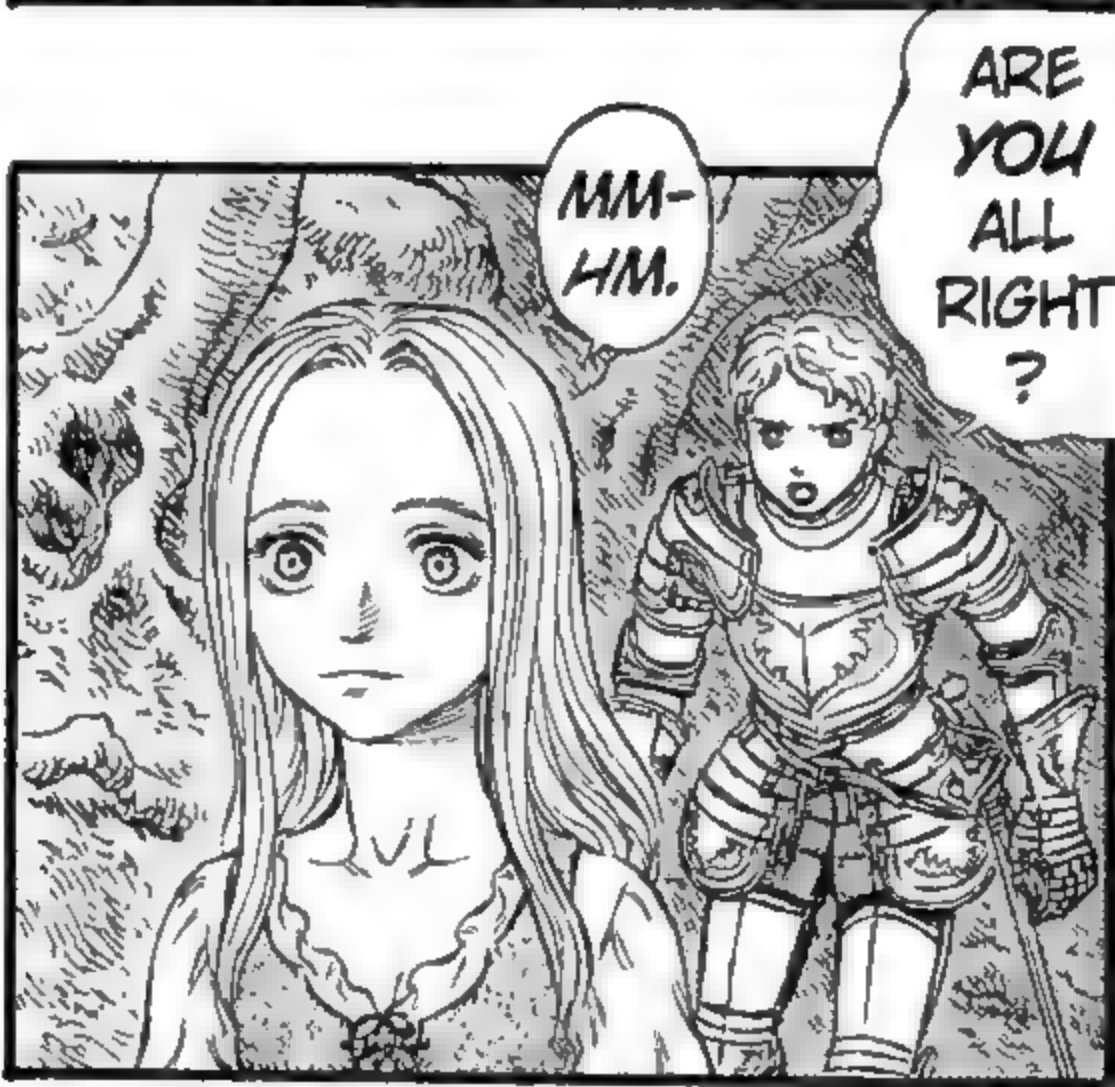
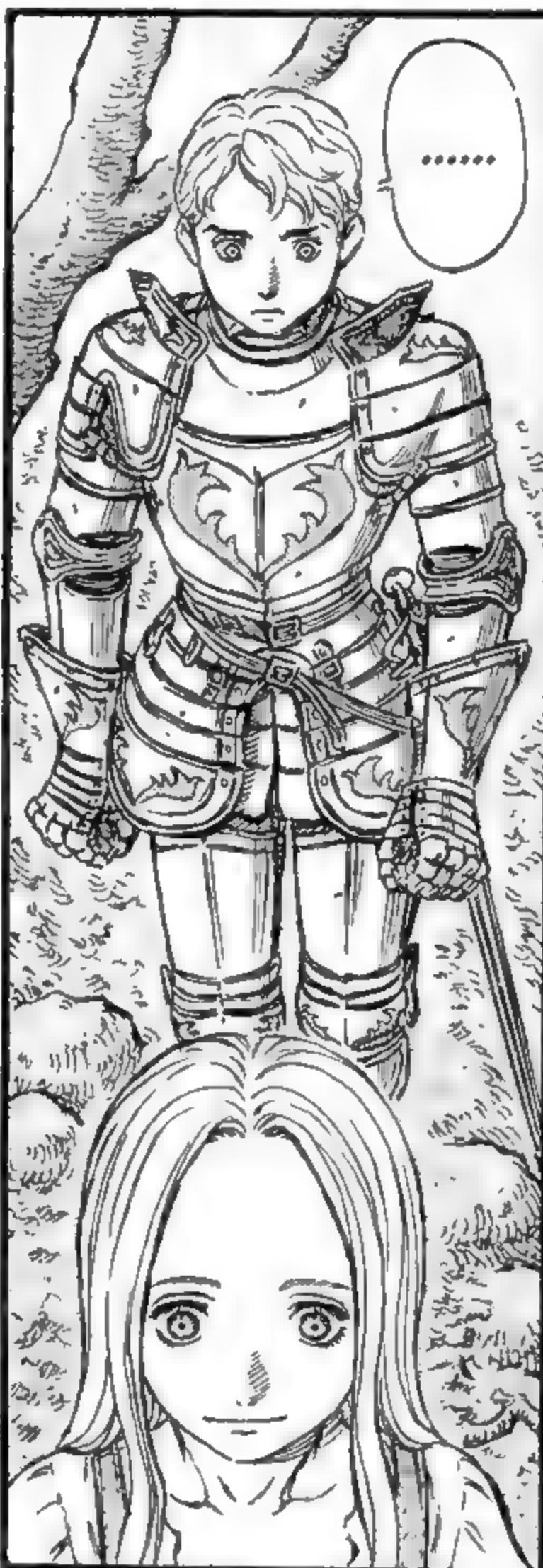
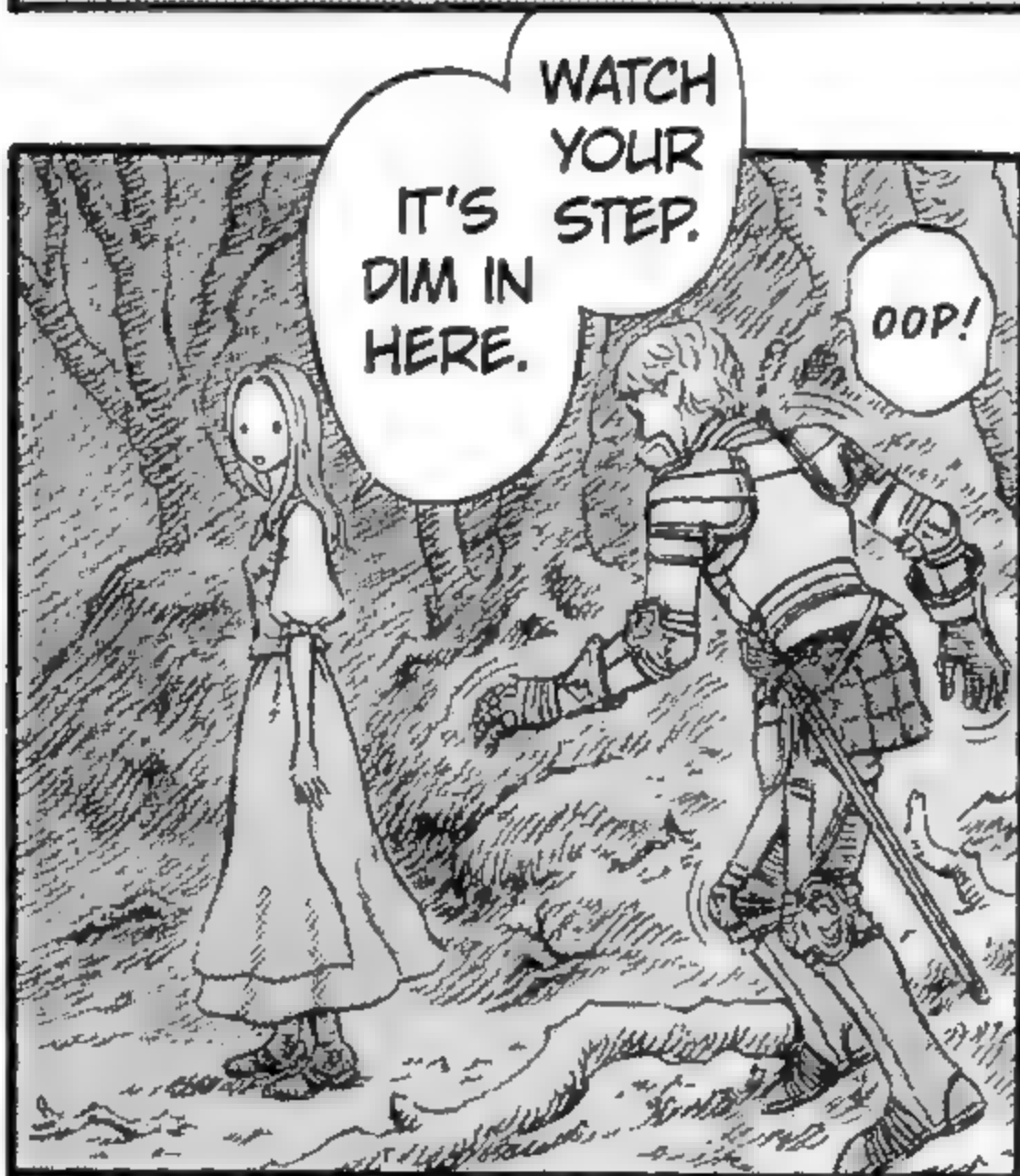
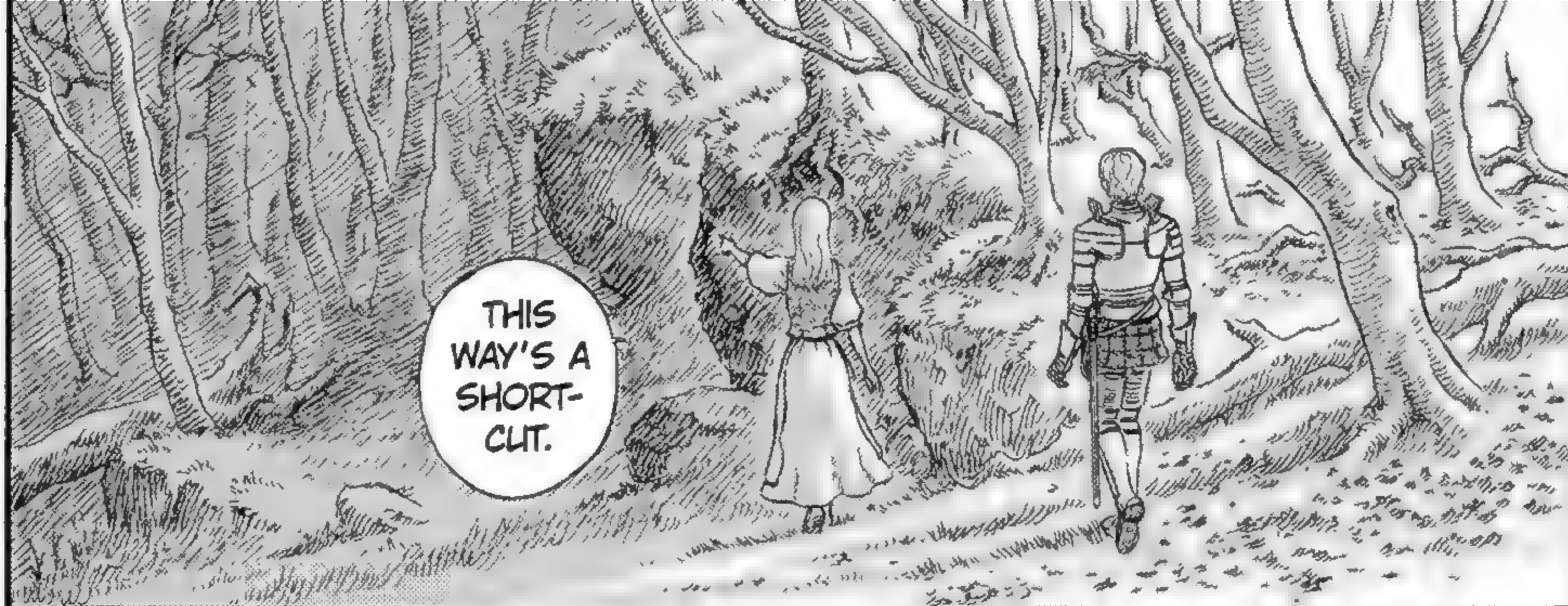
THUS OUR
REASON FOR
EXPOSING THEM
TO THE BRUNT
OF BATTLE
THREE TIMES.
OUR BITTER-
NESS DOES NOT
SOON VANISH,
BUT THEIR
OFFENSES ARE
JUDGED.



HE'S THE
MIGHTIEST KNIGHT,
BOASTING AN
UNDEFEATED
RECORD IN
COUNTLESS DUELS
AND CONTESTS
WHILE CONTINUING
HIS PEREGRINATION,
NEVER SETTLING
ON ANY ONE
MASTER.

ALL SONS
OF WARRIORS
GROW UP
HEARING BEDTIME
STORIES ABOUT
HIS TALES
OF HEROISM.

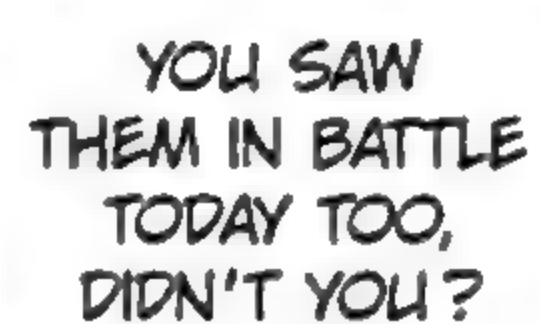


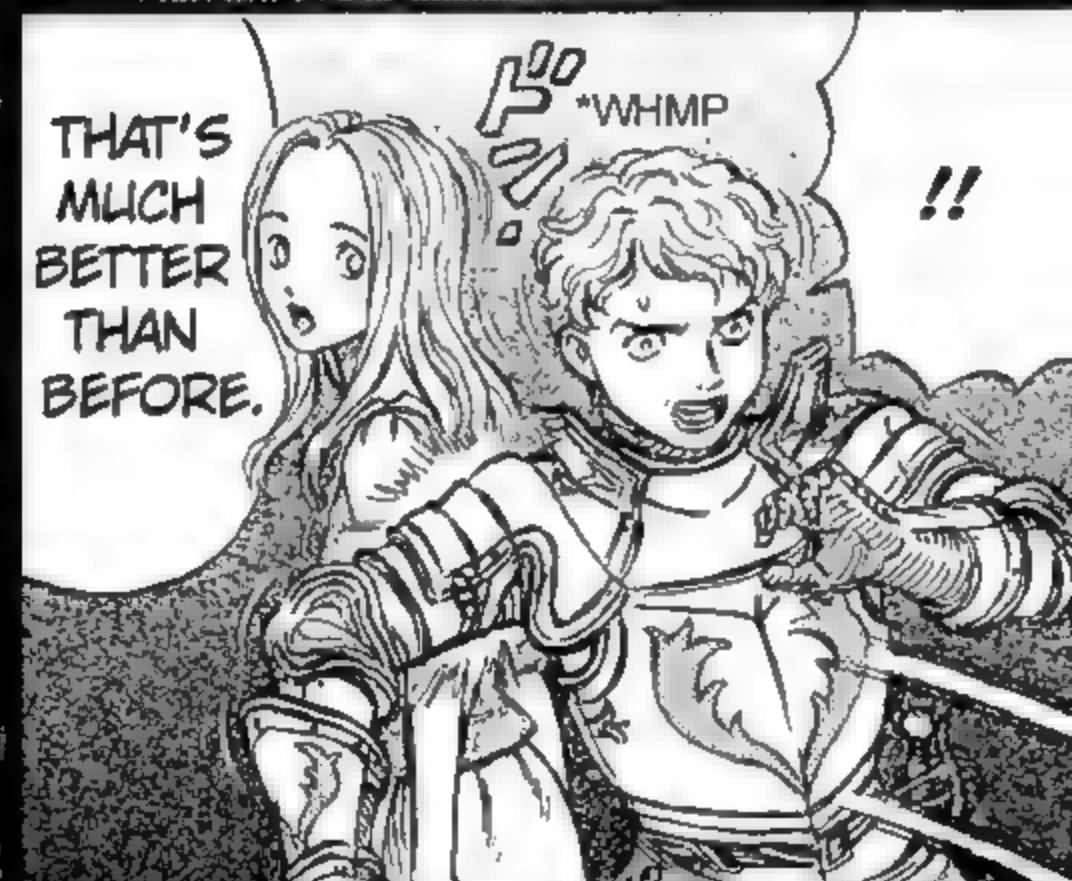


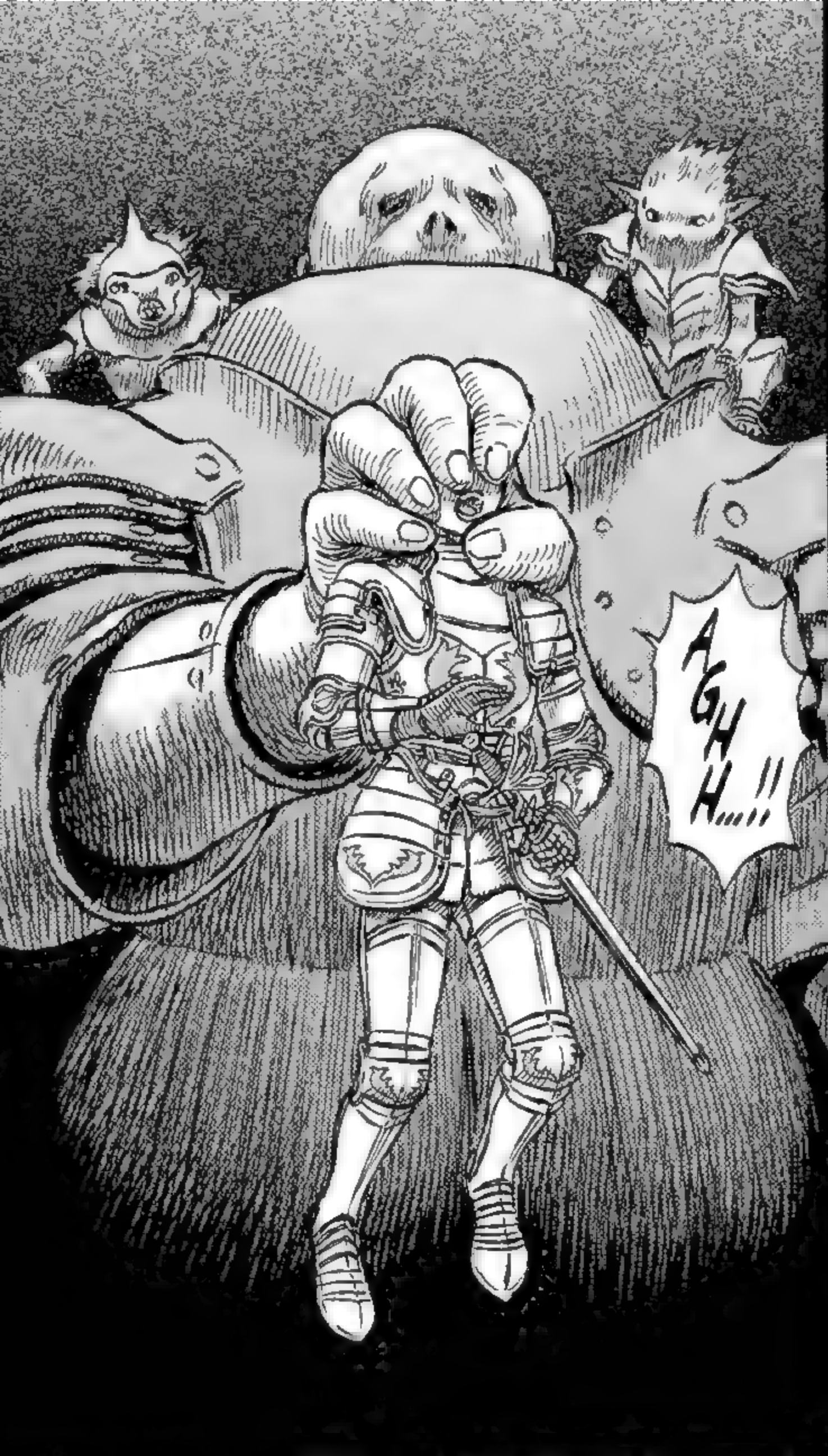


WHAT
THE...
?!









JUST
PUT ME
DOWN
ALREADY
!

PERVERT!



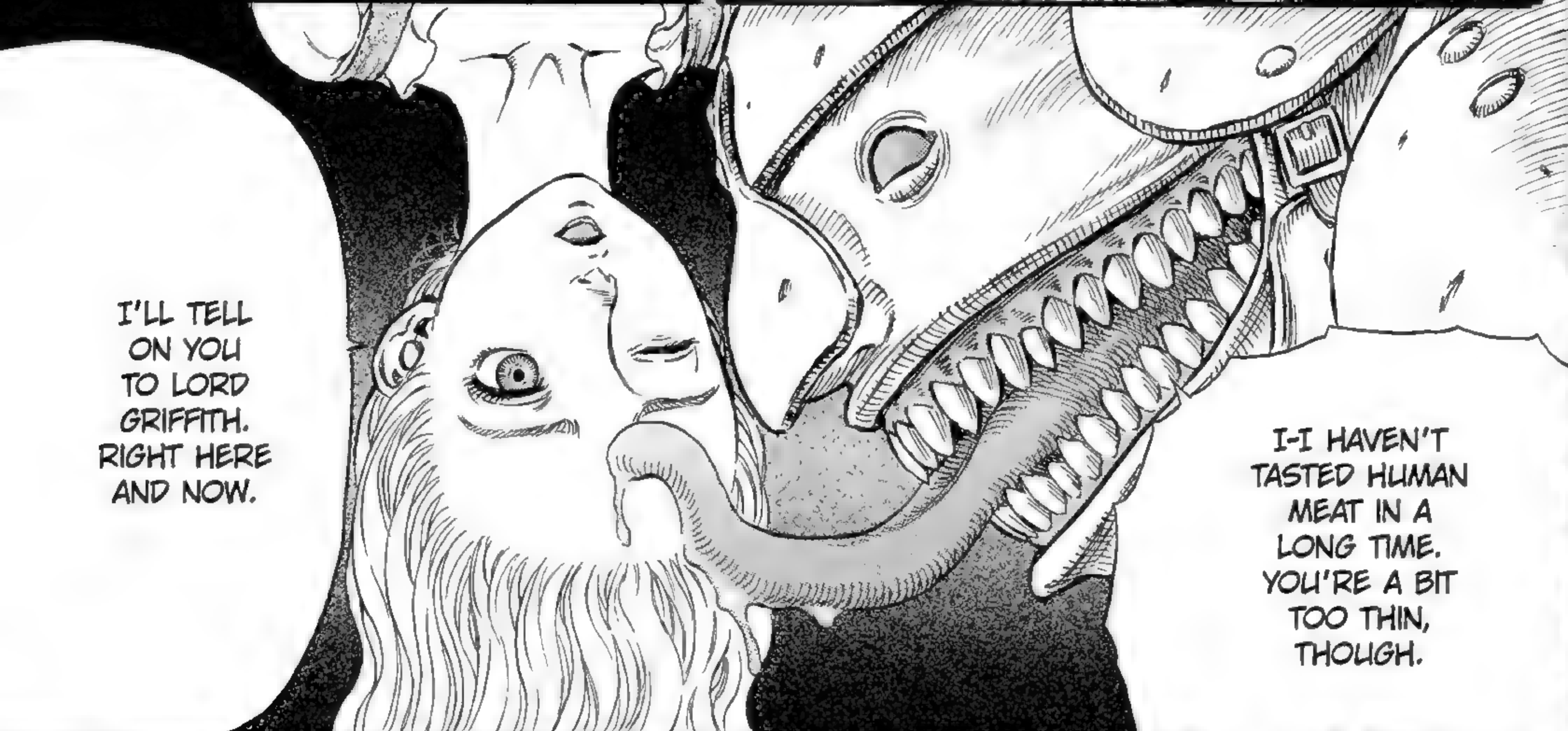
YOU'RE
AN ODD
ONE.

A-AREN'T
YOU
SCARED
OF US?



GET
YOUR
HANDS
OFF--

WHAT THE
HELL'RE
YOU
DOING?!



I'LL TELL
ON YOU
TO LORD
GRIFFITH.
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW.

I-I HAVEN'T
TASTED HUMAN
MEAT IN A
LONG TIME.
YOU'RE A BIT
TOO THIN,
THOUGH.



CLACK



Q-QUIT
IT...!

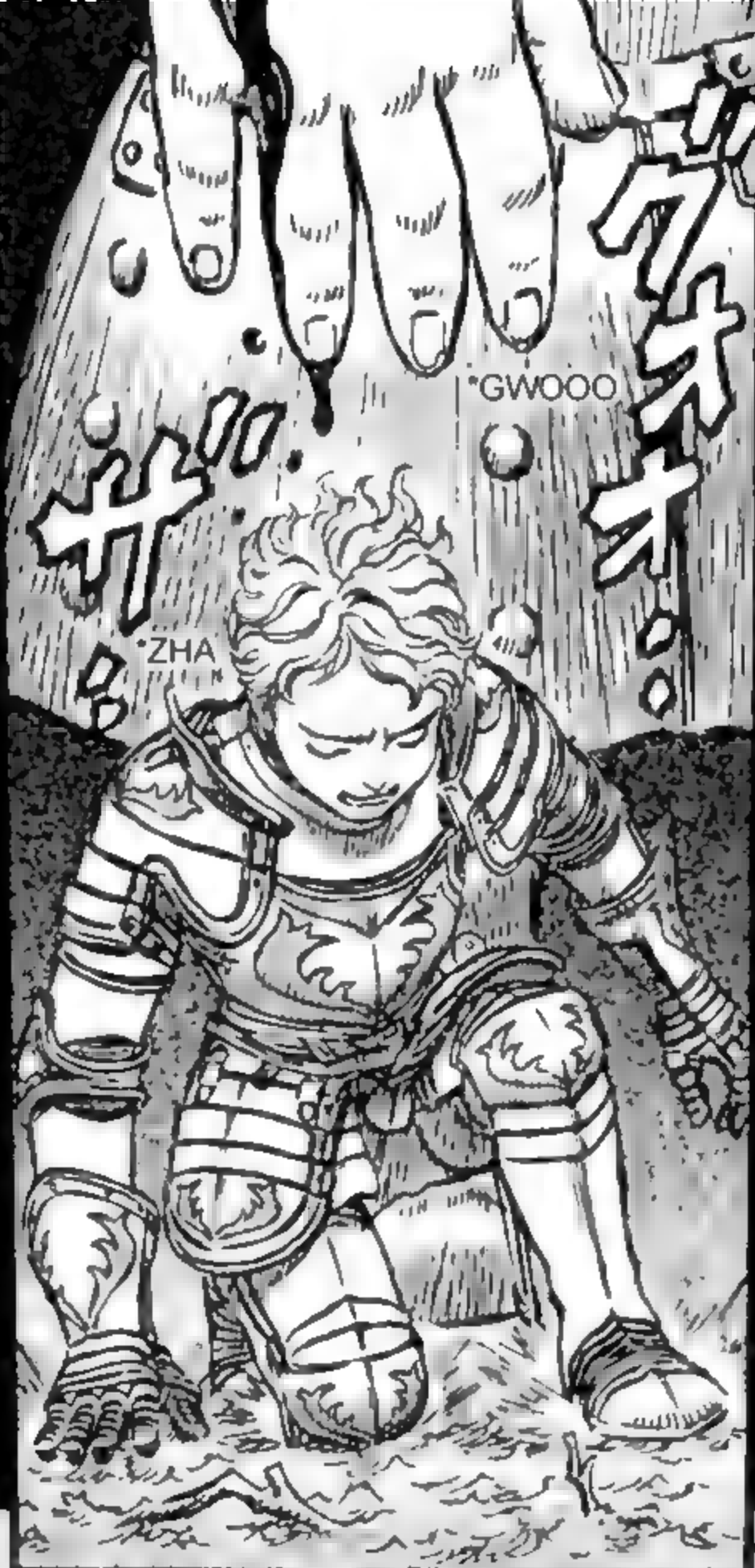
*WRNCH

GRUNBELD
...!!

*GYAWI

*FX: TMP







THESE
ARE GUESTS
OF OUR
MASTER.

TOUCH
THEM AND
YOU WILL
HAVE
TO DEAL
WITH ME.



GRUNBELD.
I KNOW THAT
NAME...!



I DISLIKE
JOKES.

I-IT WAS A
JOKE! I WAS
JUST PLAYING...



THANKS,
SIR
GRUNBELD.

NOT
AT ALL.

I
COULD'VE
SWORN I
HEARD HE
DIED IN
BATTLE...

HIS FIERY
RED HAIR AND
REPUTATION
FOR MOWING
DOWN ENEMIES
EARNED HIM
THE NICKNAME
"GREAT FLAME
DRAGON."



THE GIANT HERO
FROM A NORTHERN
COUNTRY WHO
PROTECTED HIS
LAND FROM THE
CHUDER EMPIRE'S
INVASION FOR A
DECADE WITH ONLY
HIS PERSONAL
FORCE OF 3000
SOLDIERS.

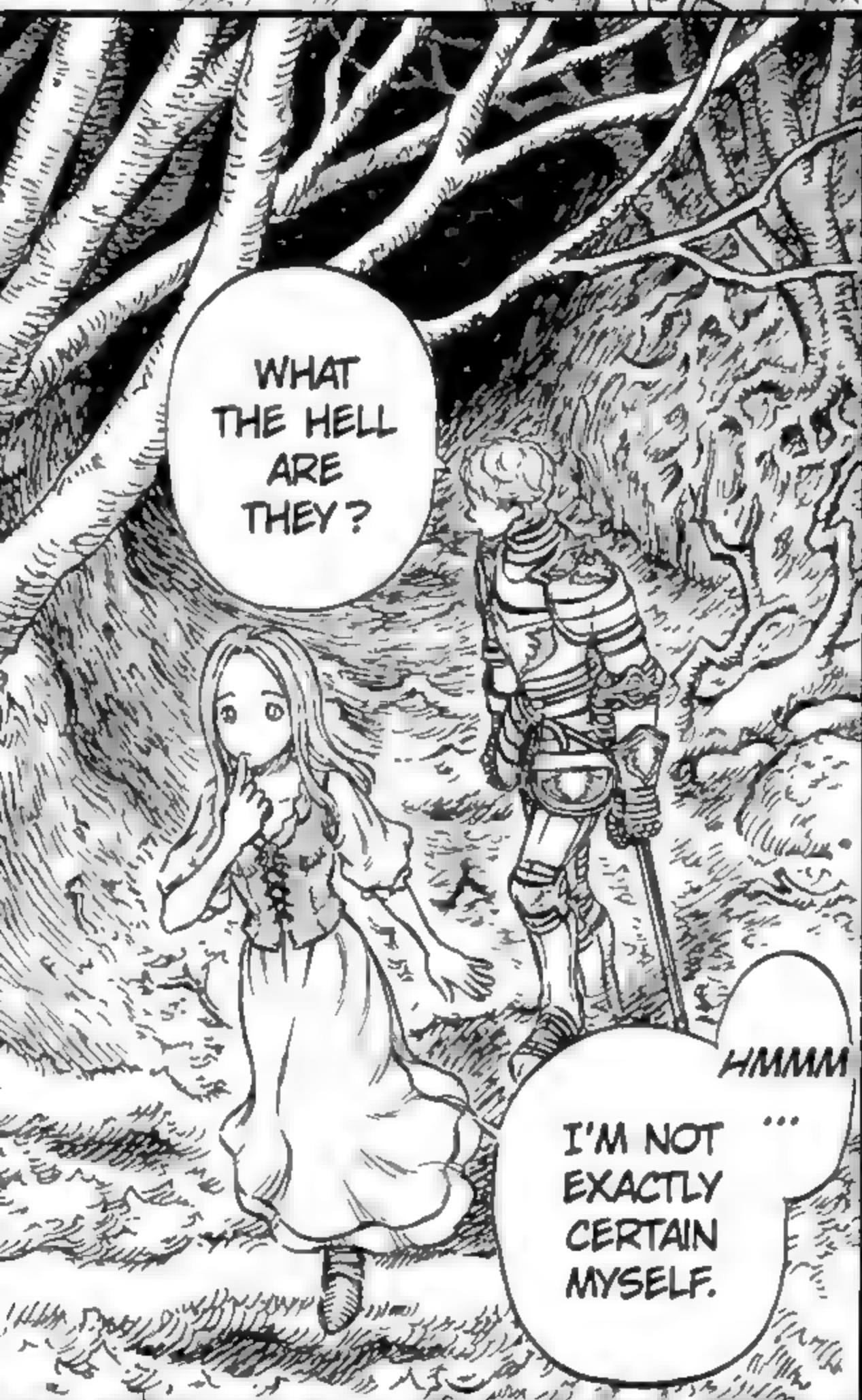


THE
HAWKS'
MEDIUM
...?

THOUGH
YOU ARE THE
HAWKS' MEDIUM,
TO WALK AROUND
HERE WITHOUT
A GUARDIAN...

BUT YOU ARE
DEFENSELESS,
MISS SONIA.

WHAT USE
WOULD A
GUARD BE
AGAINST
WAR
DEMONS?



WHAT
THE HELL
ARE
THEY?

I'M NOT
EXACTLY
CERTAIN
MYSELF.

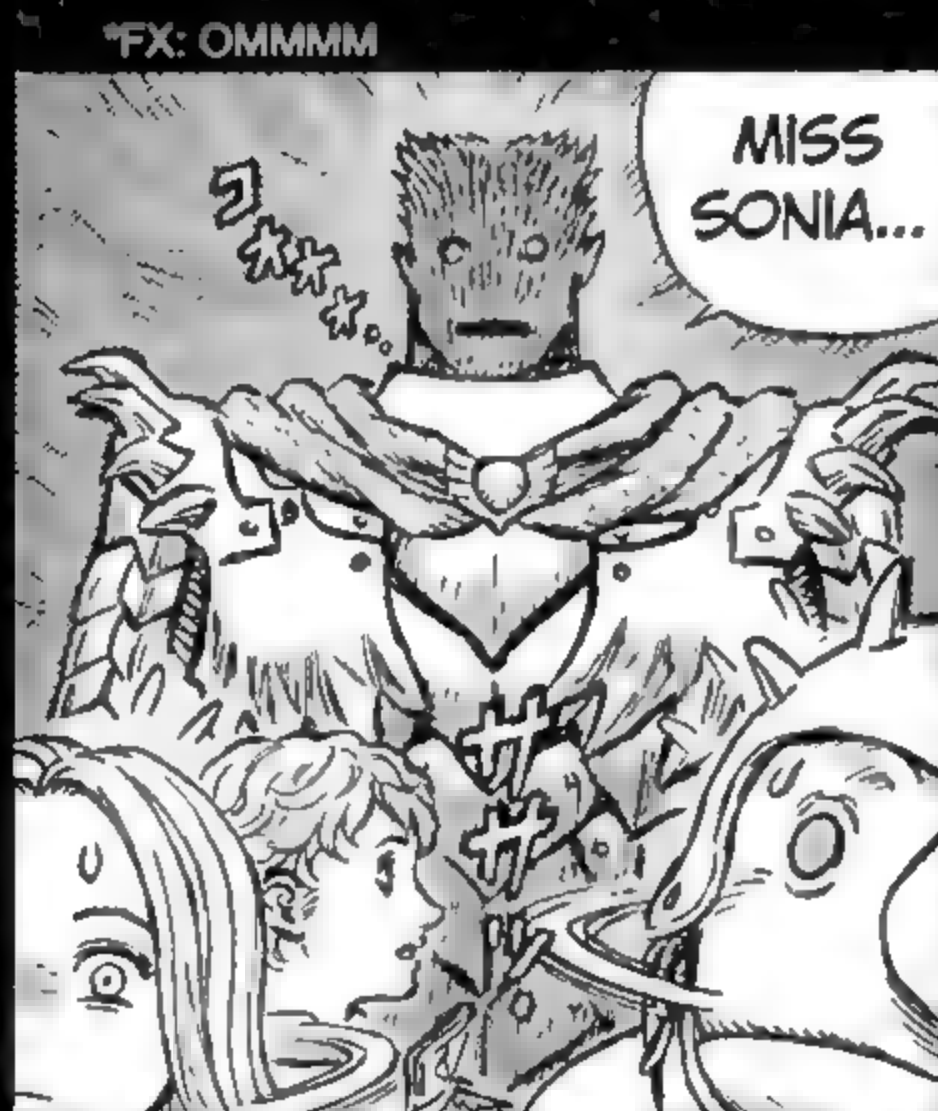
HMMM



THE HAWK
AWAITS
BEYOND
THERE.

OKAY.

THE NEXT
TIME YOU
COME HERE,
PLEASE
INFORM
ME.



*FX: OMMMM

MISS
SONIA...



NEXT
TIME I'LL
BRING YOU
A CORPSE,
OUR
SECRET.

R-REALLY?
I'D LIKE A
WOMAN...

*FX: TURN

*FX: WHISPER



YOU'LL
UNDER-
STAND
EVENTU-
ALLY.

AHH...



...
HUMAN
?

ARE
THEY...



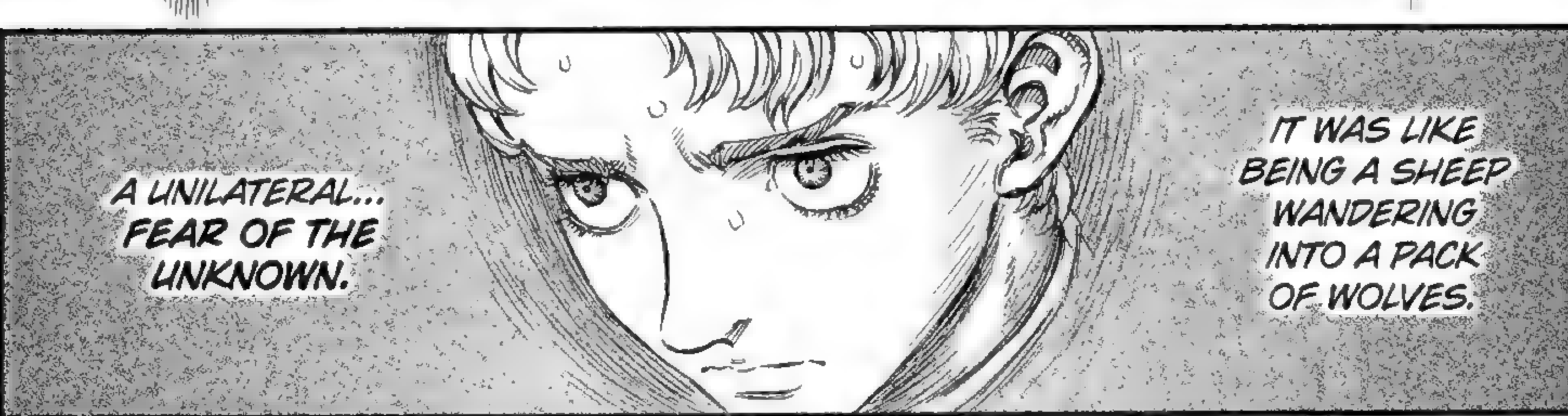
AT LEAST
IT ENDS
WITH US
JUST HATING
EACH
OTHER AS
HUMANS.

WHEN
COMPARED TO
THAT BUNCH,
THE KUSHAN
DEFINITELY DO
SEEM A LOT
MORE SIMILAR
TO US.



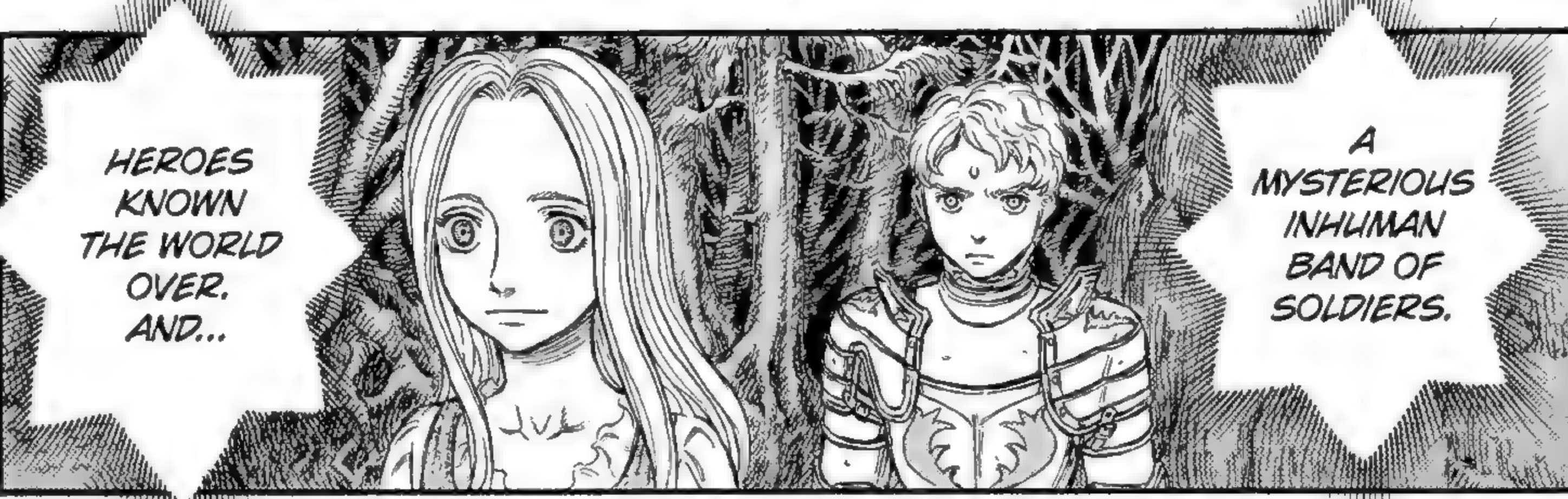
SOME-
THING'S
FUNDA-
MENTALLY
DIFFERENT.

BUT
THOSE
SOLDIERS
...



A UNILATERAL...
FEAR OF THE
UNKNOWN.

IT WAS LIKE
BEING A SHEEP
WANDERING
INTO A PACK
OF WOLVES.



HEROES
KNOWN
THE WORLD
OVER.
AND...

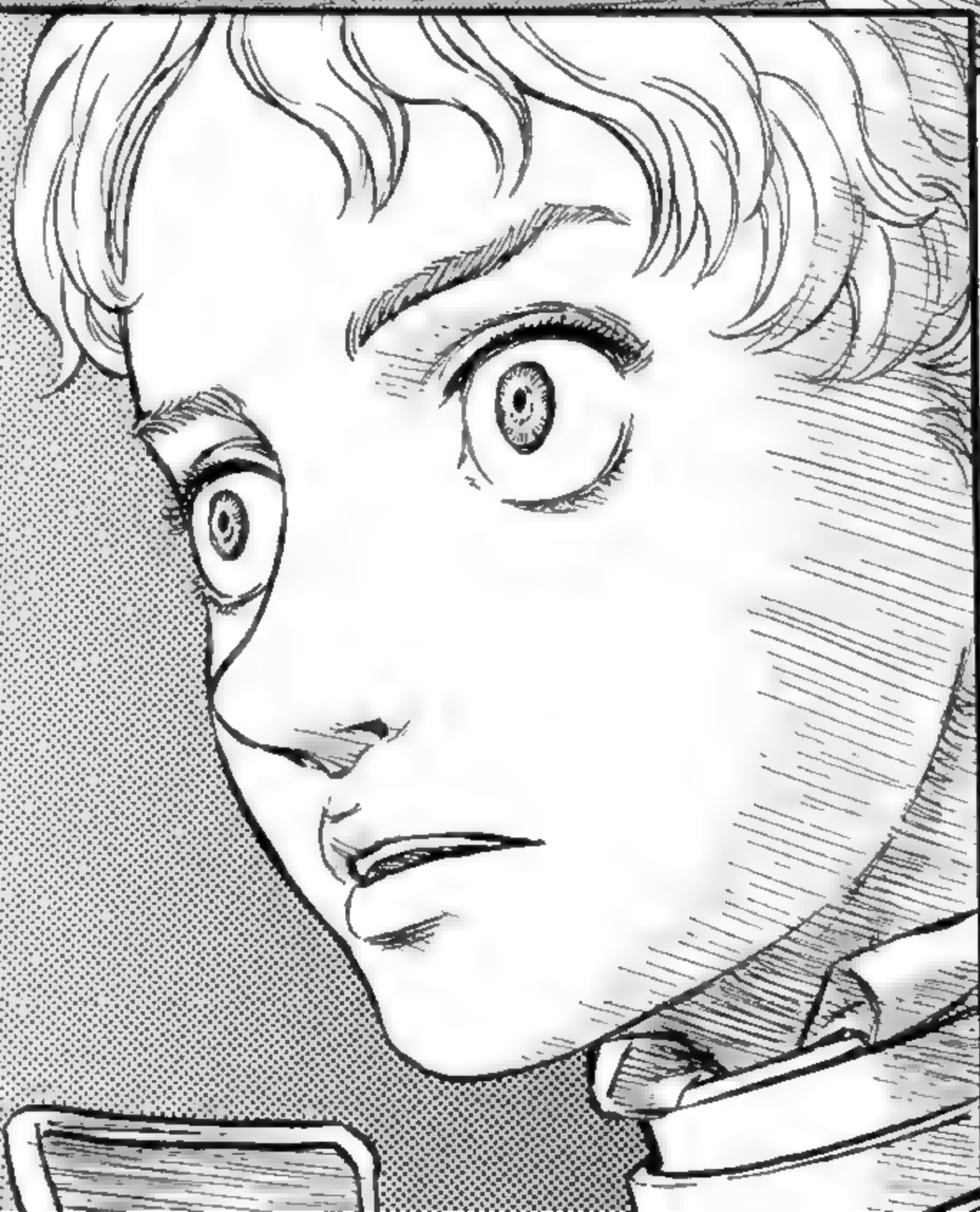
A
MYSTERIOUS
INHUMAN
BAND OF
SOLDIERS.



WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE
...?

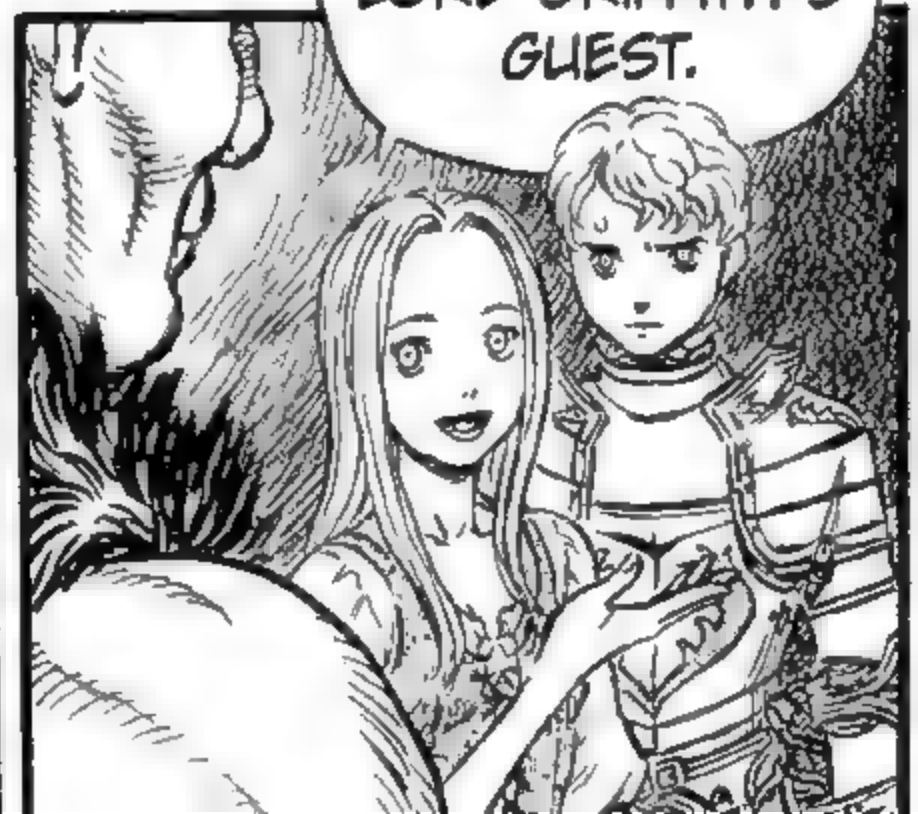


...THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK.



*FX: GULP

I HAVE BROUGHT
LORD GRIFFITH'S
GUEST.





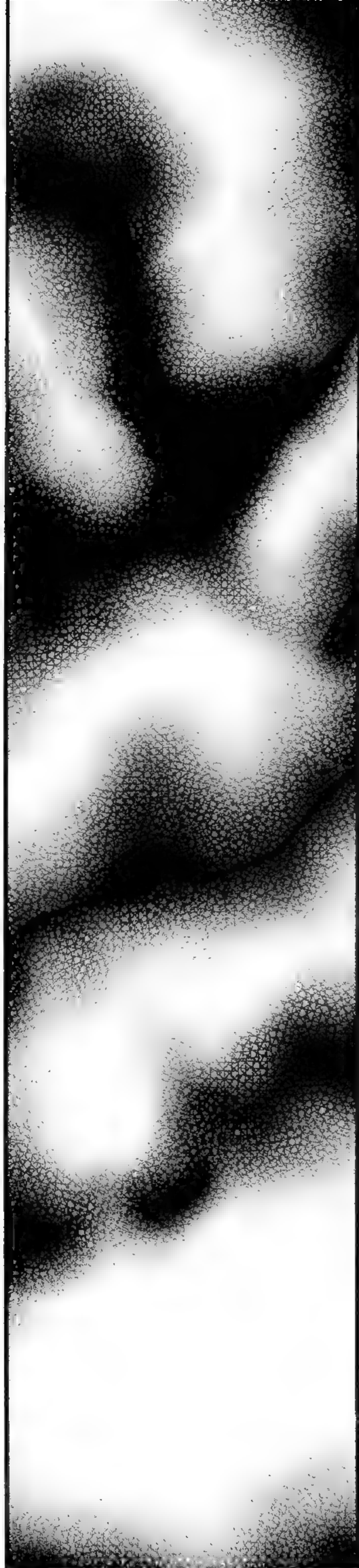
WINGS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS: END



WHAT'RE
THOSE...
?!

THEY'RE
THE ONES
WHO DIED
IN BATTLE
TODAY.

IN THE
TWILIGHT
AFTER BATTLE,
THEY GATHER
AROUND LORD
GRIFFITH.

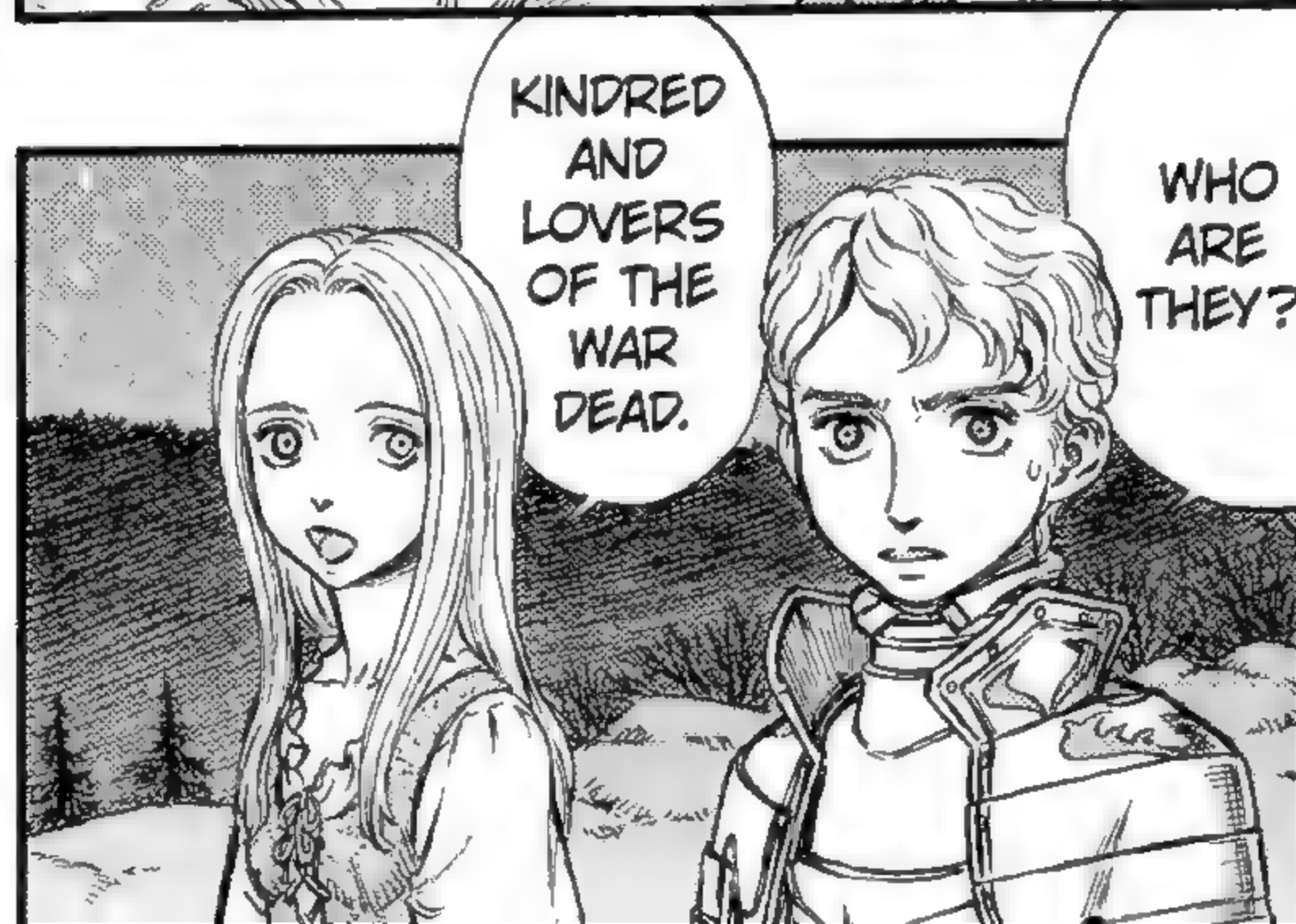
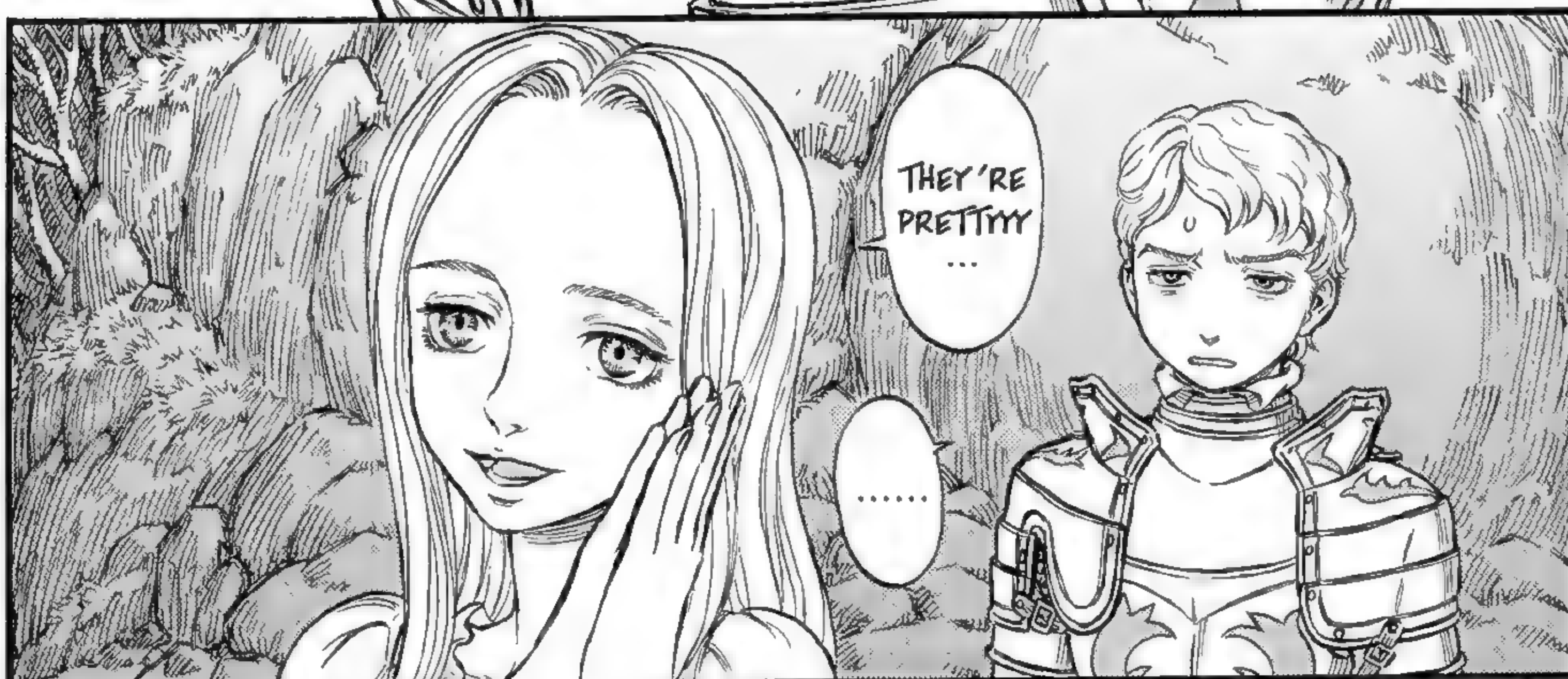


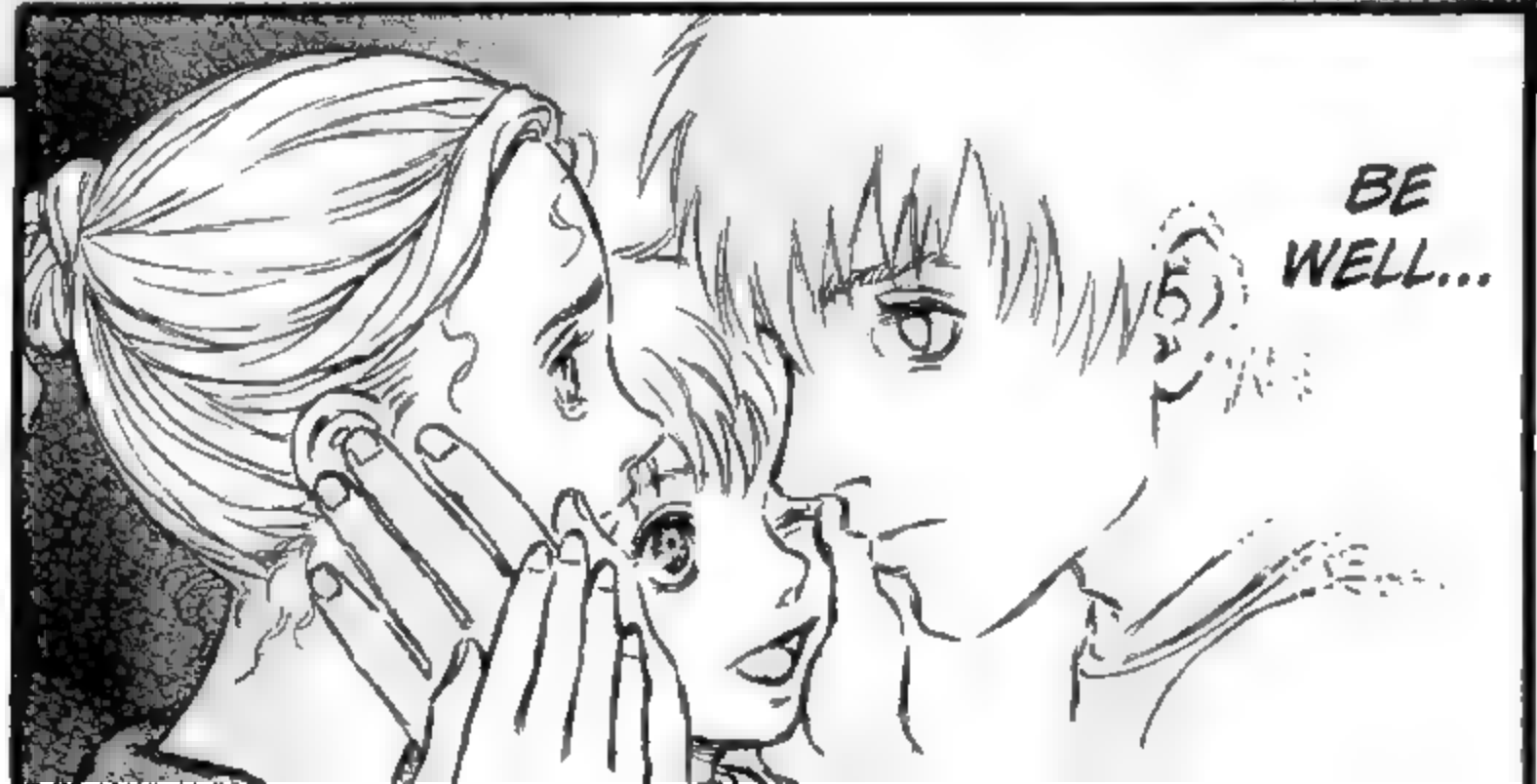
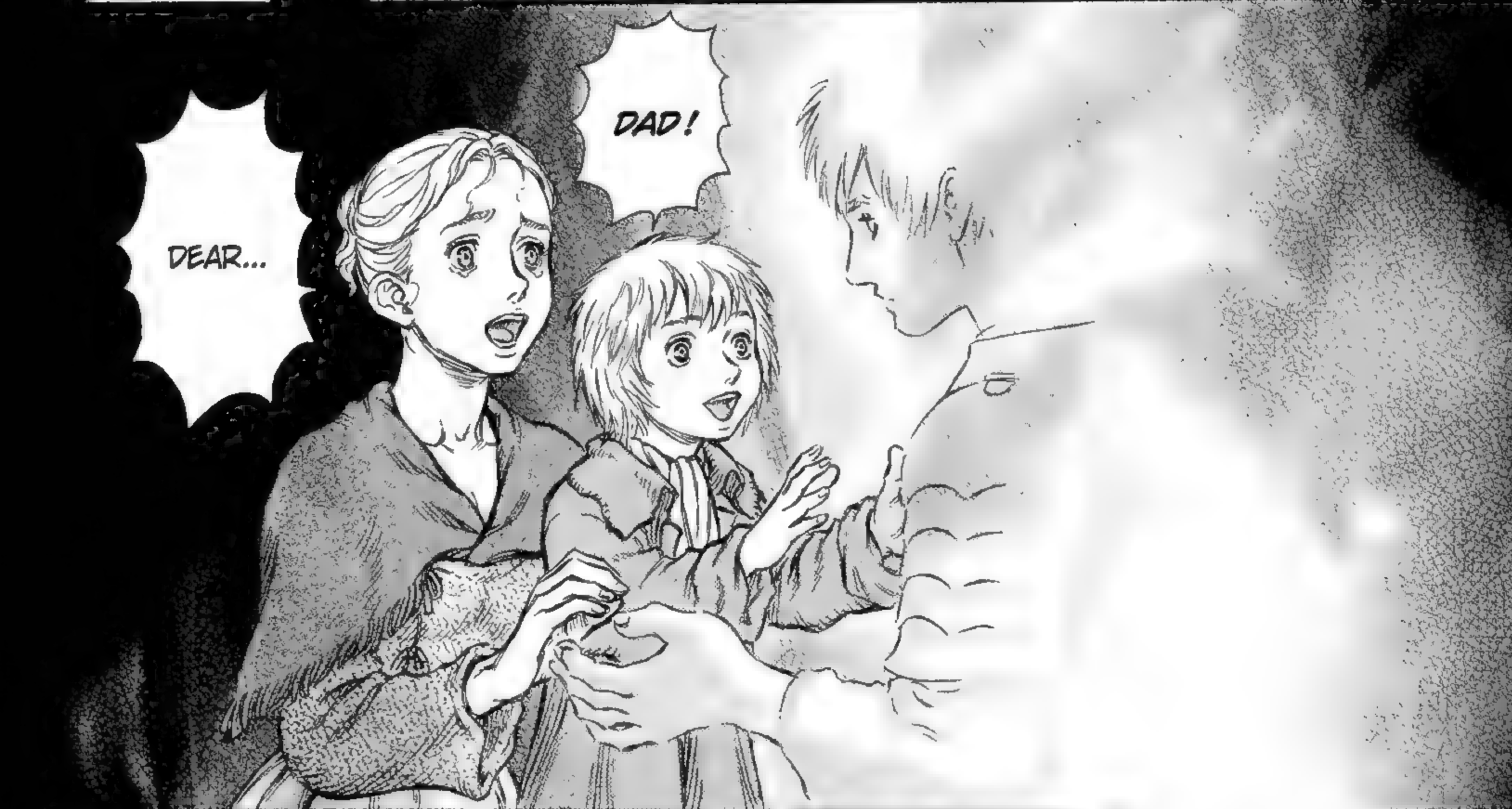
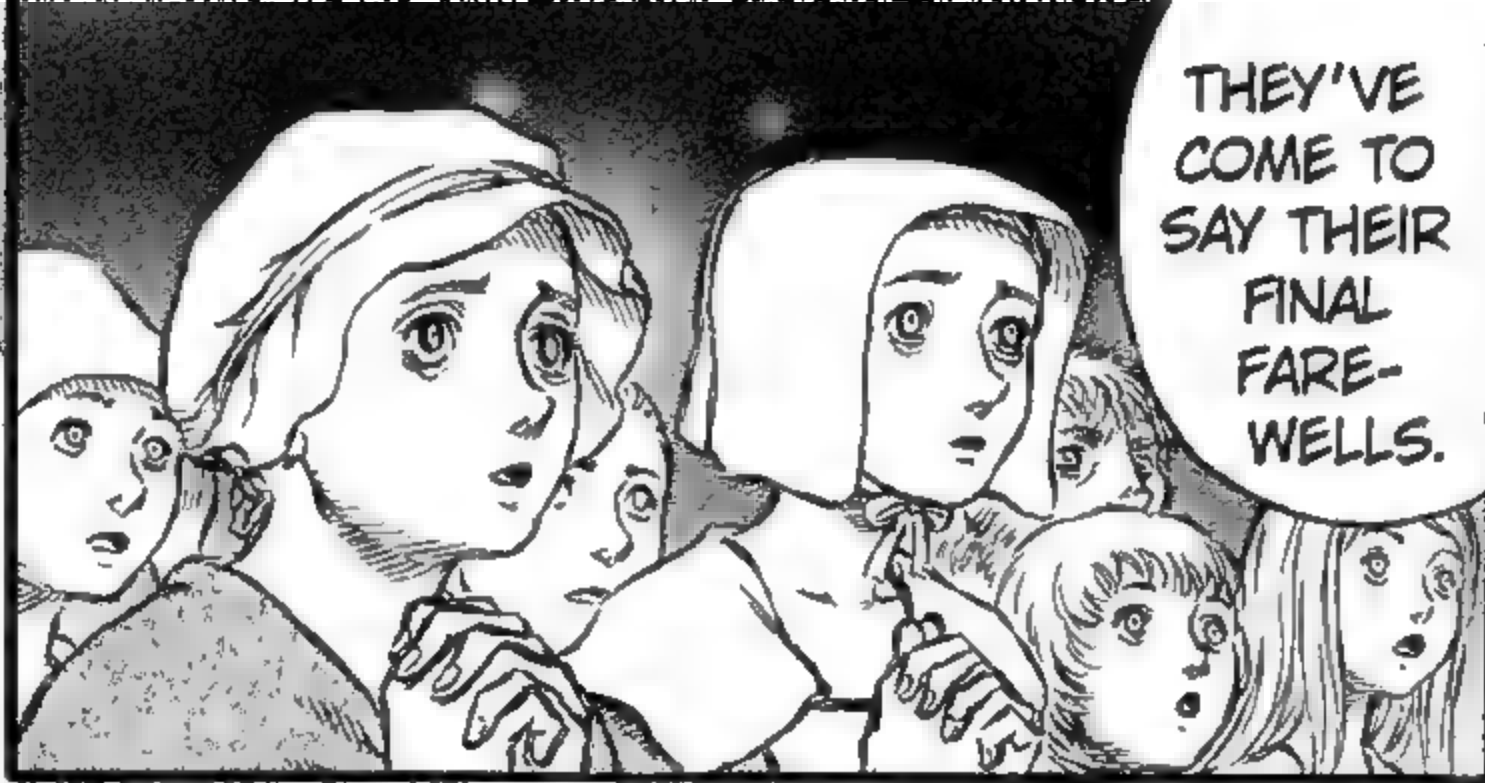
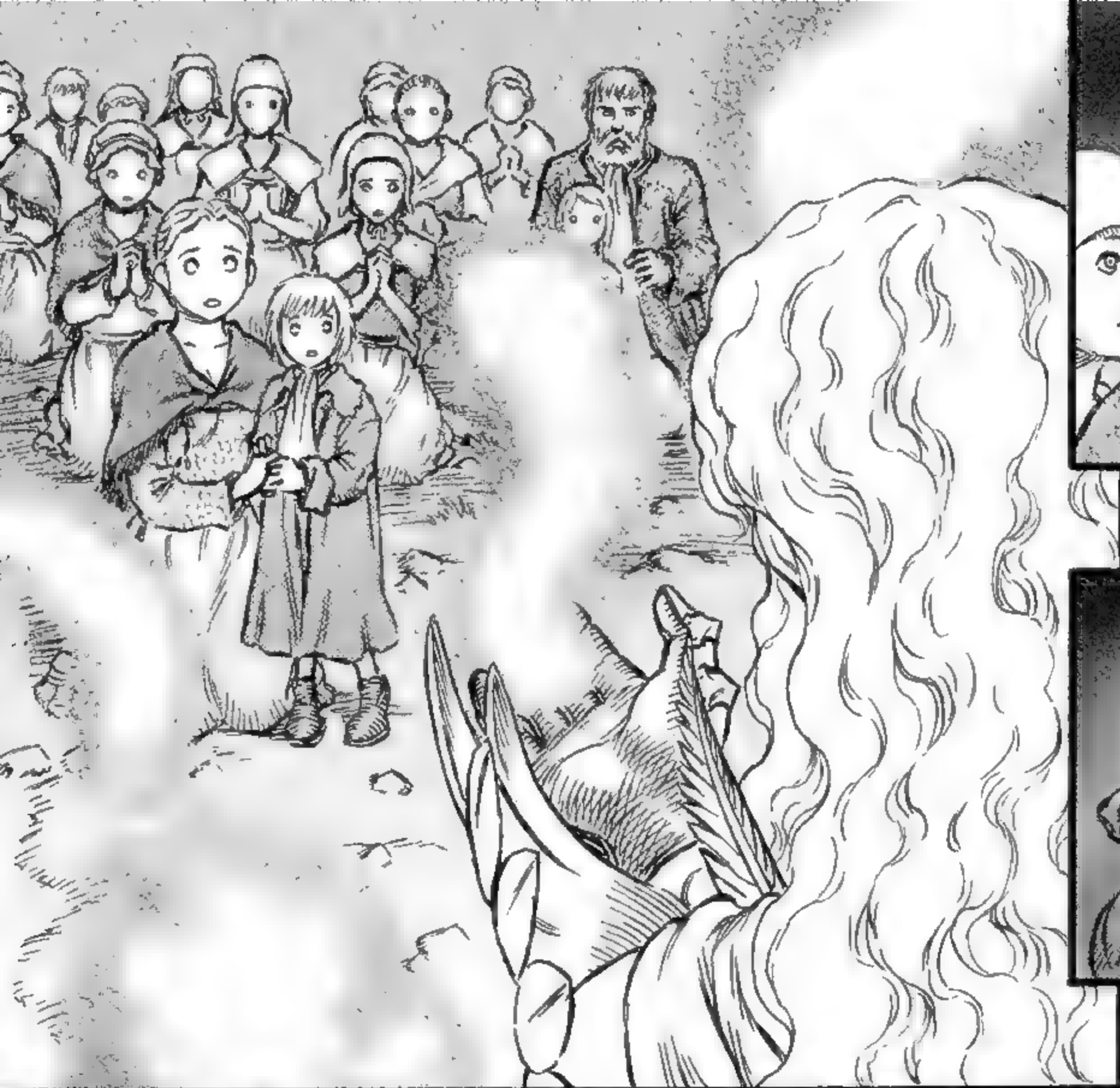
**THE NIGHT OF
FALLING STARS**
星降る夜

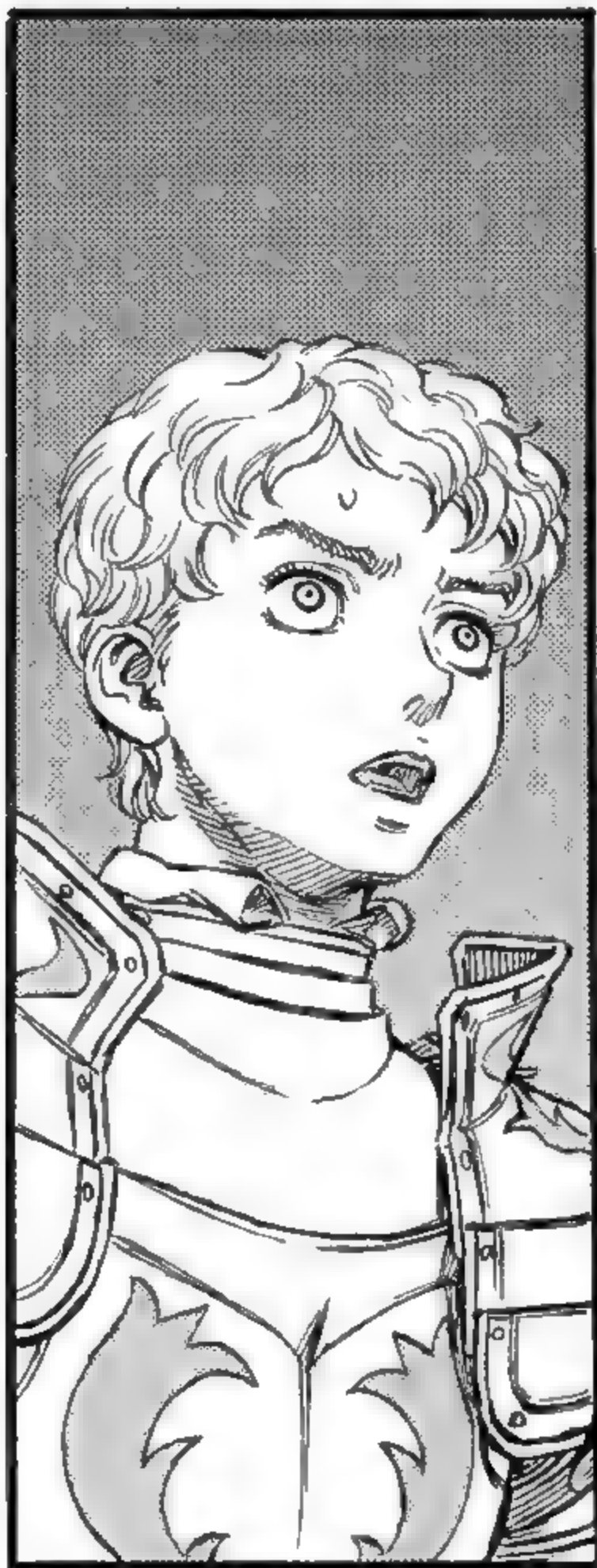
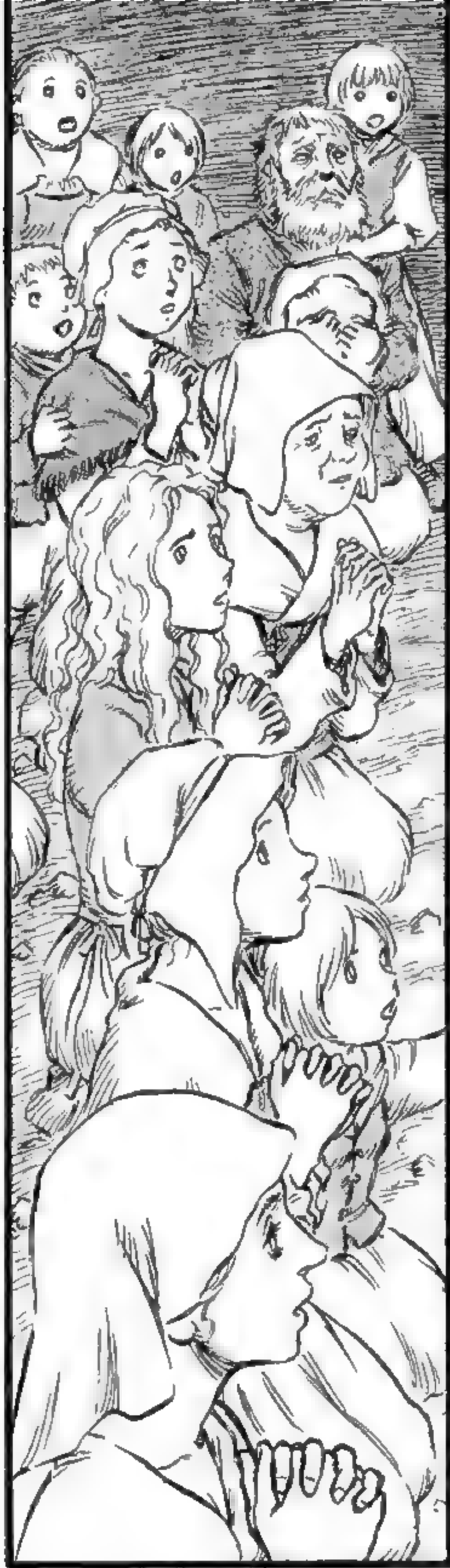


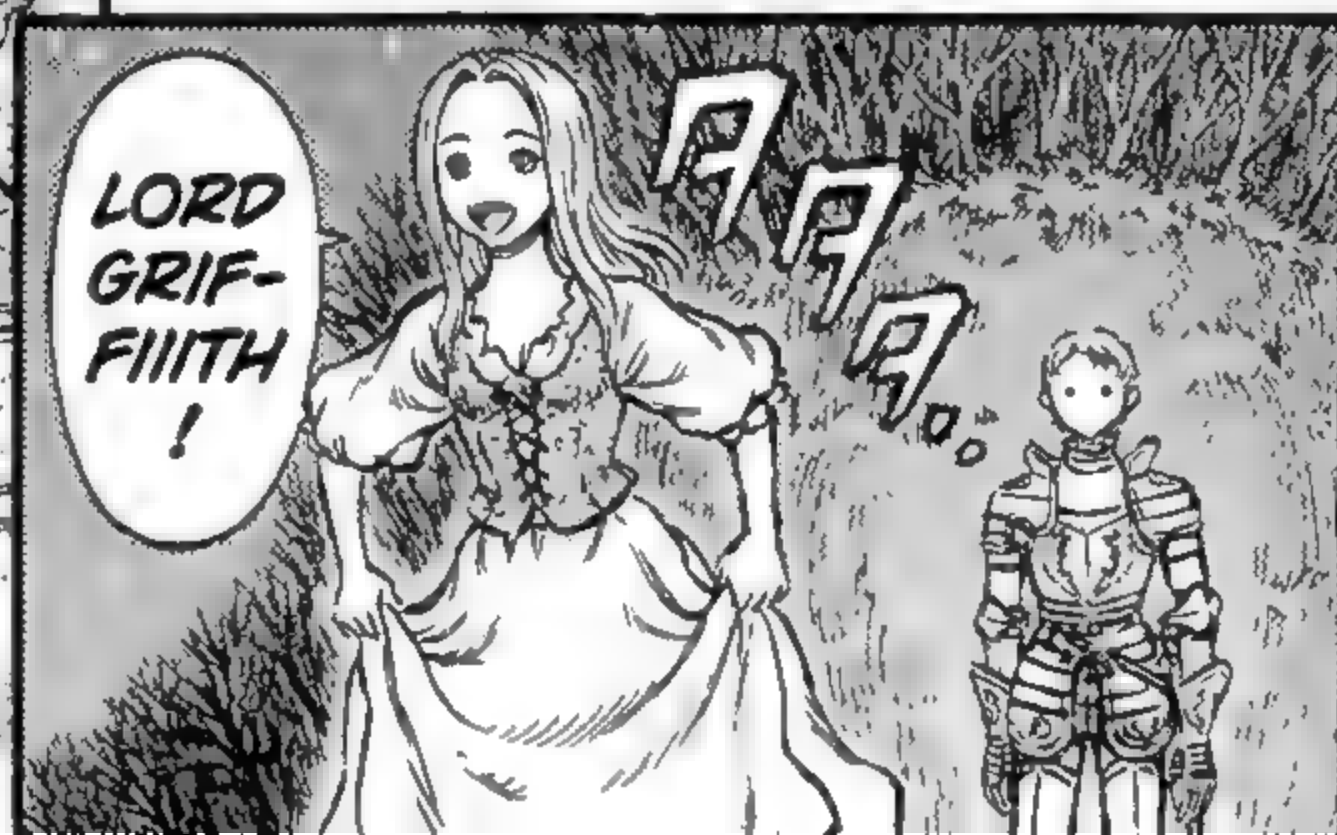
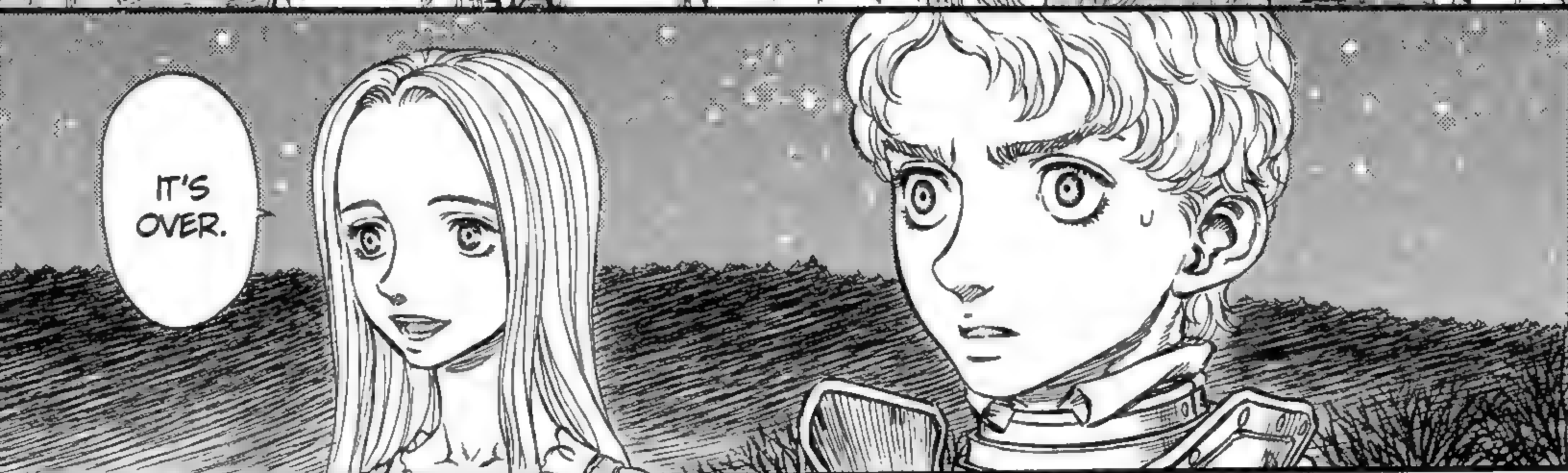
SOULS...?!

**THE
DEAD...?!**



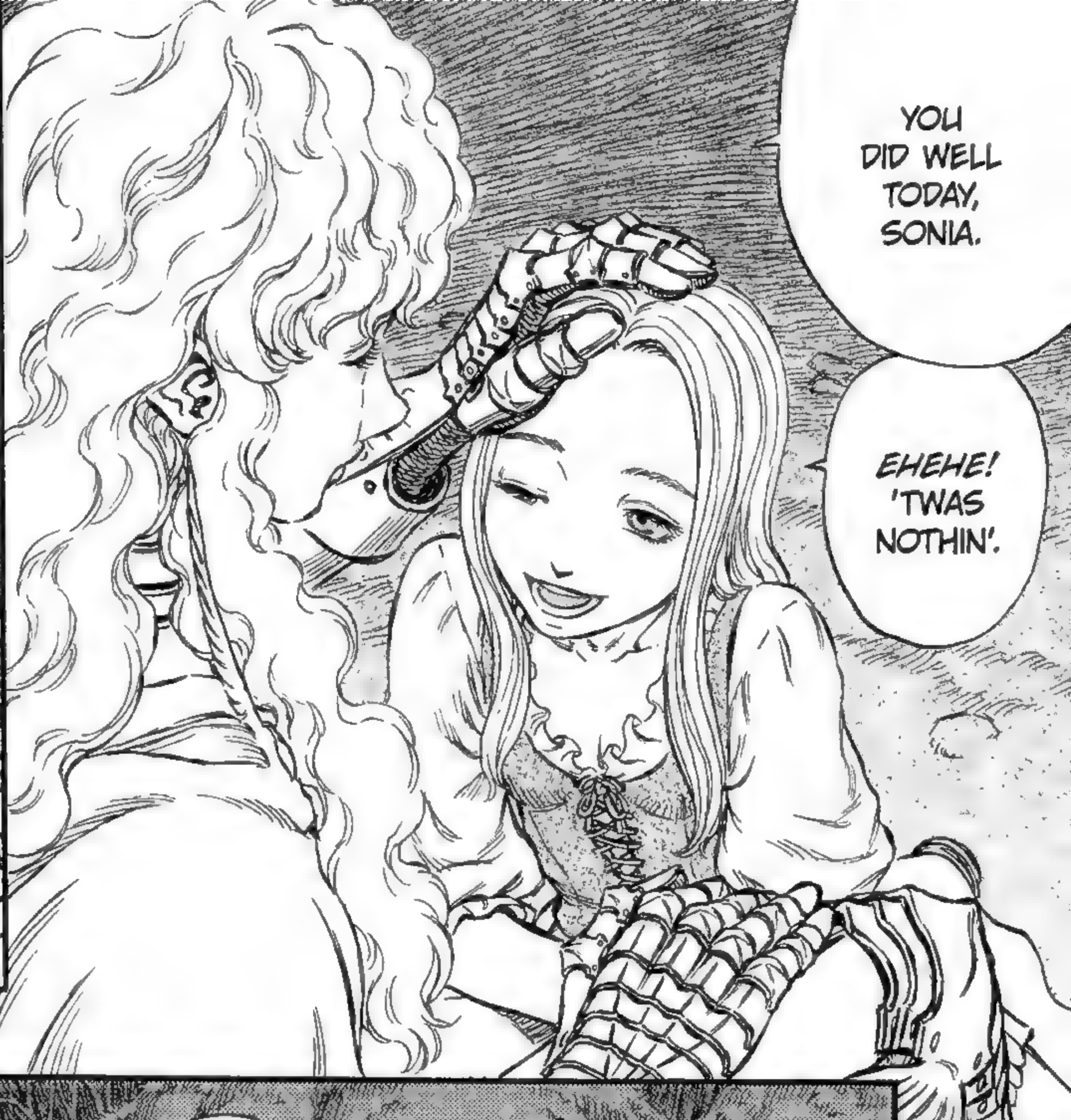






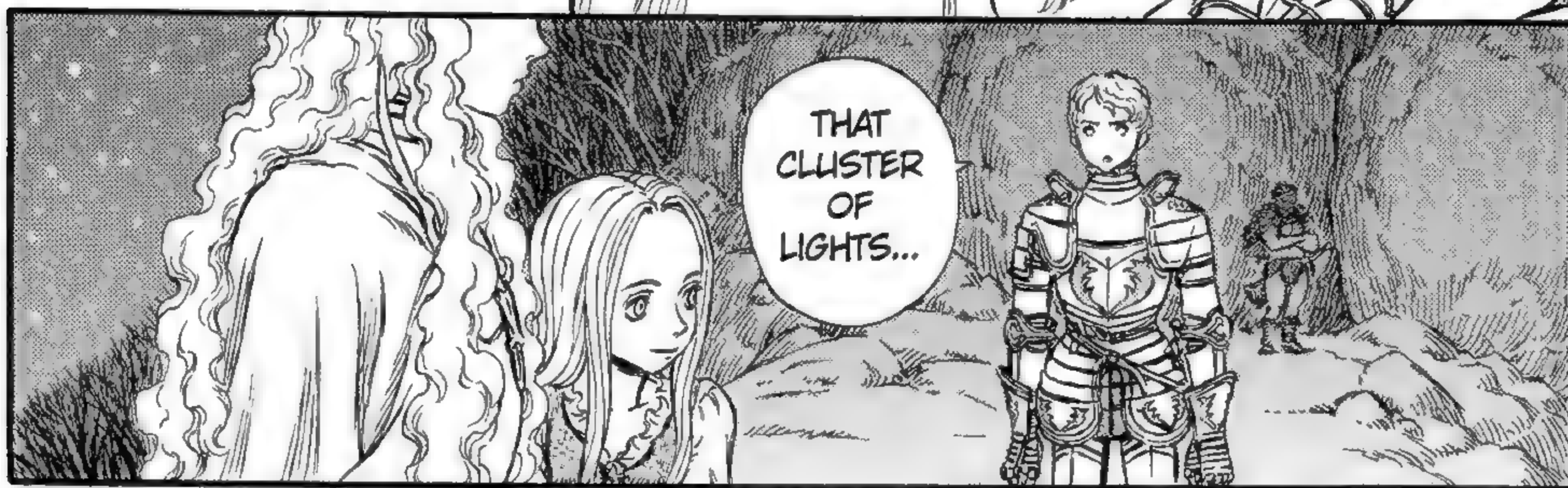


IT'S
LIKE WITH
YOU HERE,
MY POWER
GETS A LOT
STRONGER,
LORD
GRIFFITH.

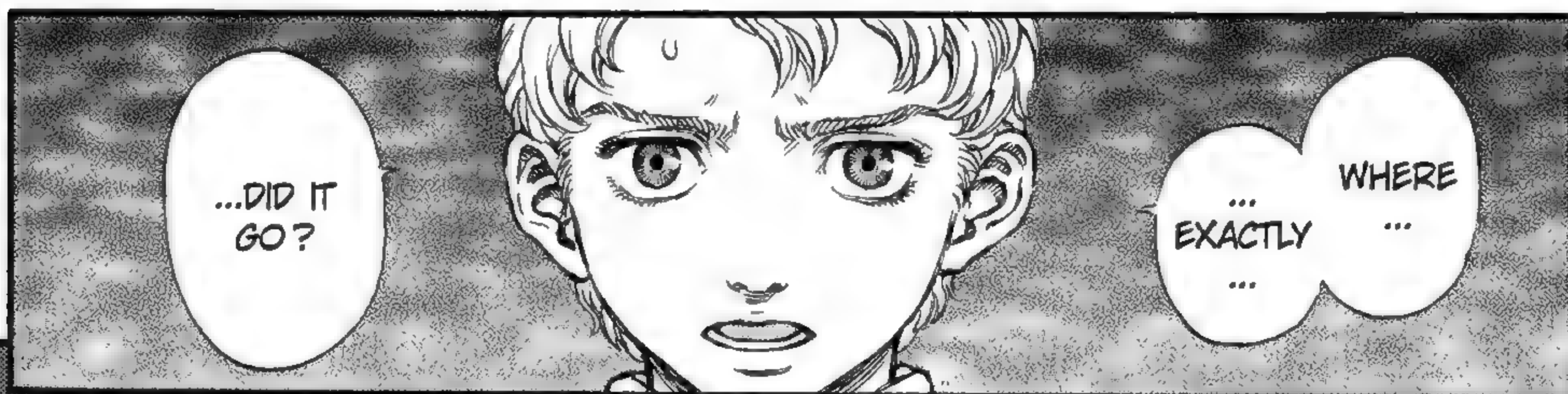


YOU
DID WELL
TODAY,
SONIA.

EHEHE!
'T WAS
NOTHIN'.



THAT
CLUSTER
OF
LIGHTS...



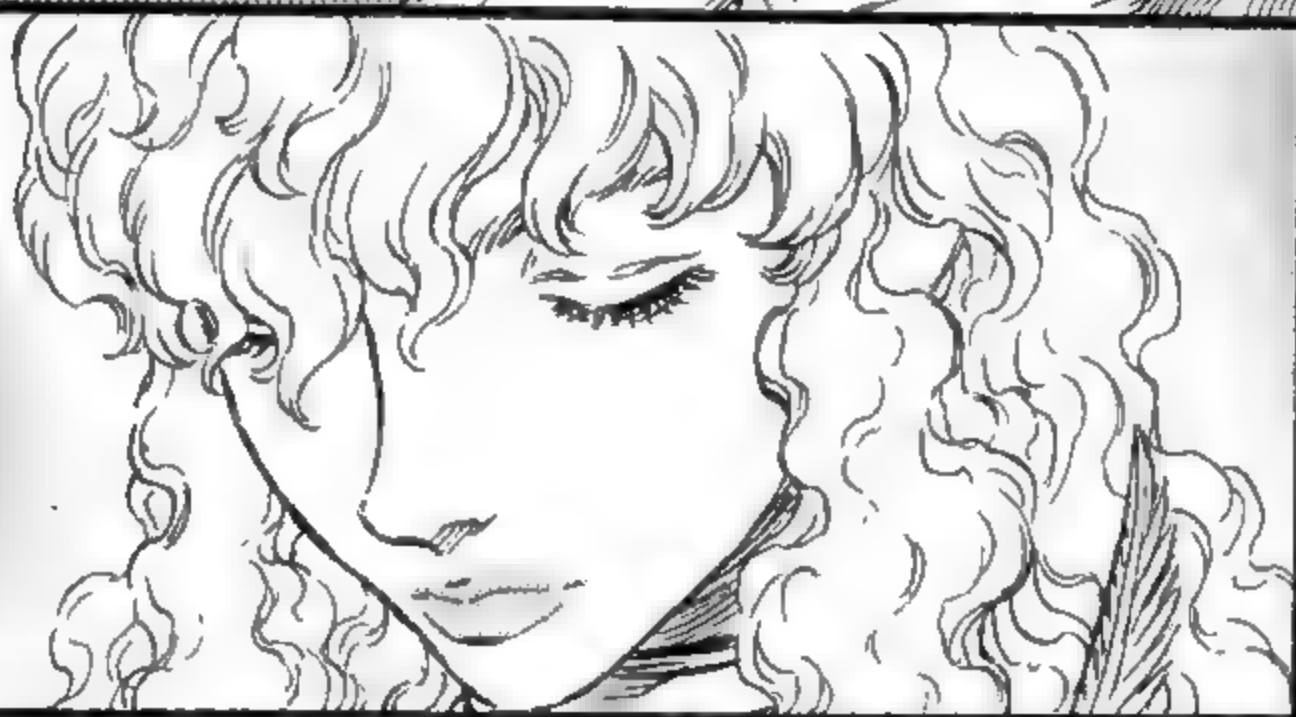
...DID IT
GO?

... EXACTLY ...
WHERE ...





TO WHERE
THEY WILL
BECOME
ONE.



WHERE
IS
THAT...?

BECOME
ONE...

HEAVEN
...OR
ELSE...



THAT
TIME
COMES
FOR
EVERY-
ONE.

SOME-
DAY
YOU'LL
KNOW.



THIS IS
OUR FIRST
MEETING,
LORD MULE.

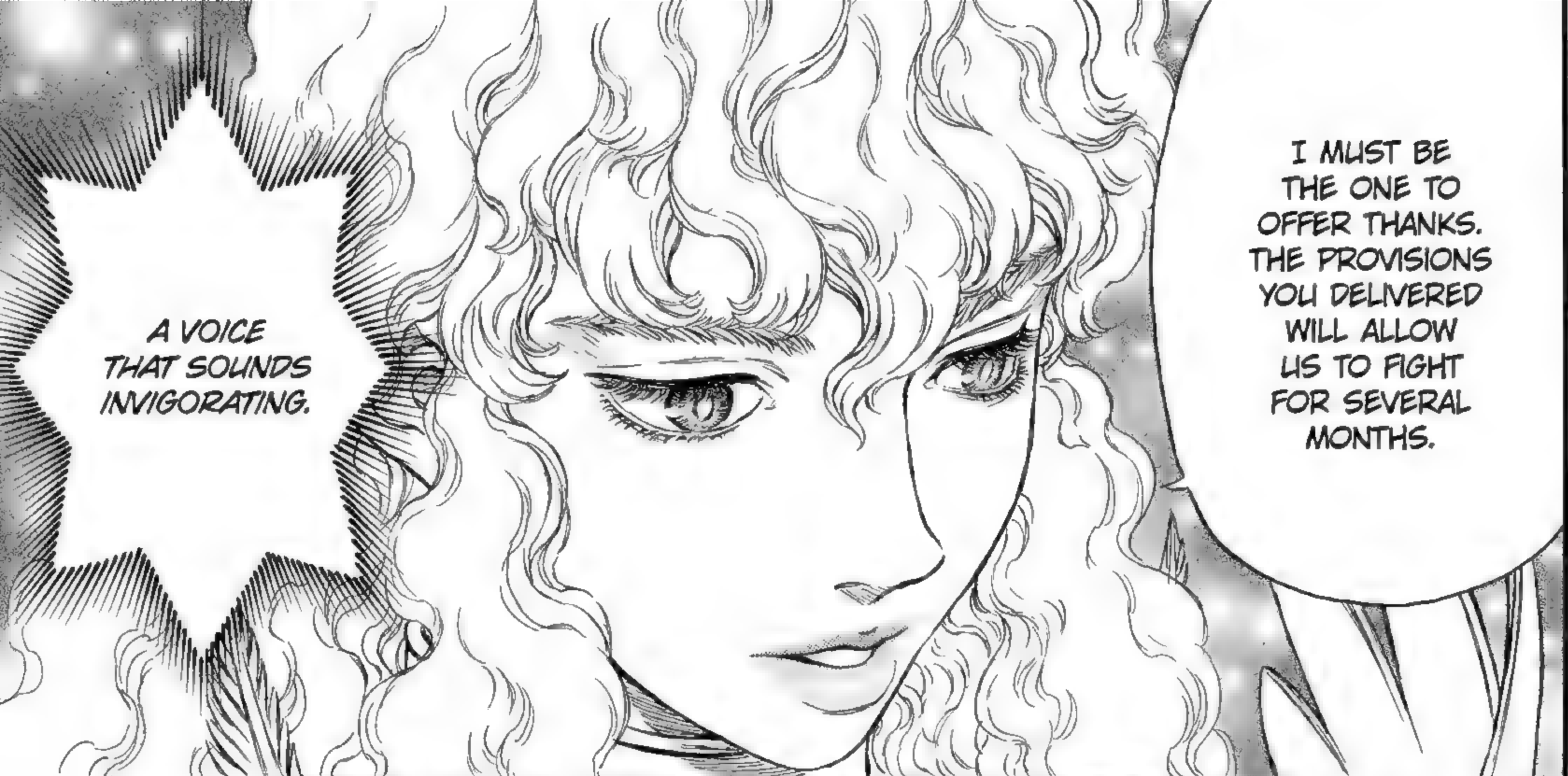
I AM
GRIFFITH,
THE LEADER
OF THIS
BAND OF
THE HAWK.

**...THE
WHITE
HAWK!!**

GRIFFITH...!!
THEN THIS MAN
REALLY IS...

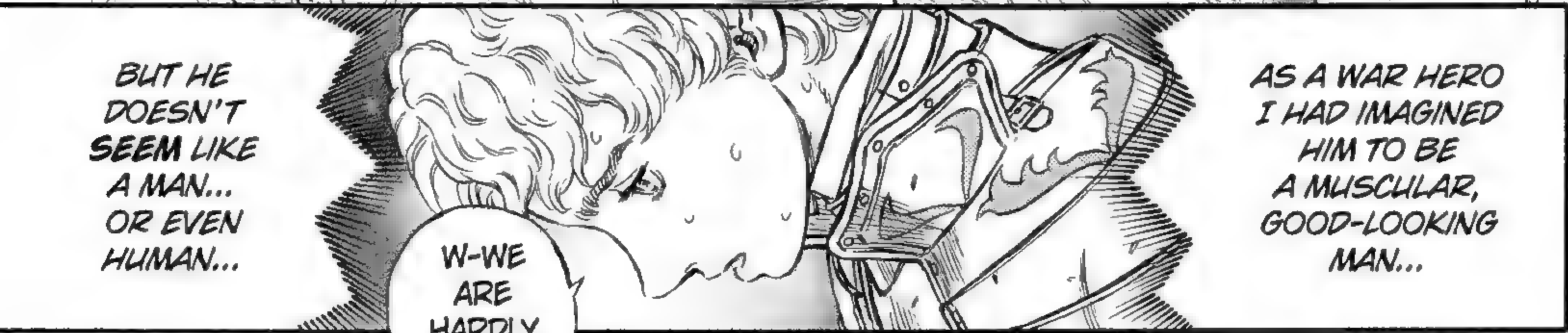
WORDS CANNOT
EXPRESS MY
GRATITUDE
TOWARD YOUR
RESCUING MY
RETAINERS AND
SUBJECTS IN
THE BATTLE
EARLIER!

F-FORGIVE
MY HESITATION!
I AM MULE
WOLFLAME,
YOUNGEST
SON OF
THE LORD
OF LUMIAS,
VALAGAR
WOLFLAME!



A VOICE
THAT SOUNDS
INVIGORATING.

I MUST BE
THE ONE TO
OFFER THANKS.
THE PROVISIONS
YOU DELIVERED
WILL ALLOW
US TO FIGHT
FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS.

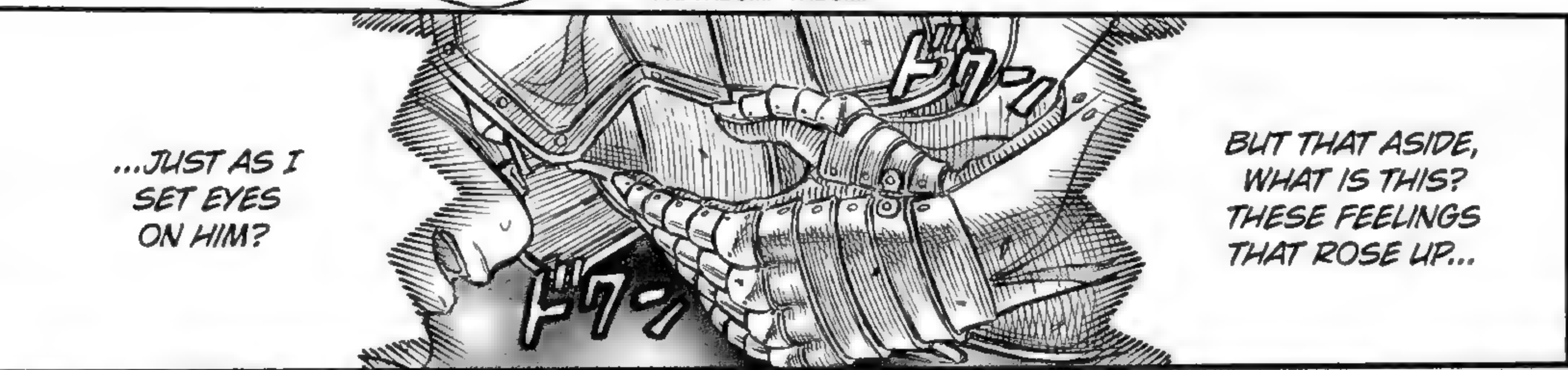


BUT HE
DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
A MAN...
OR EVEN
HUMAN...

W-WE
ARE
HARDLY
WORTHY.

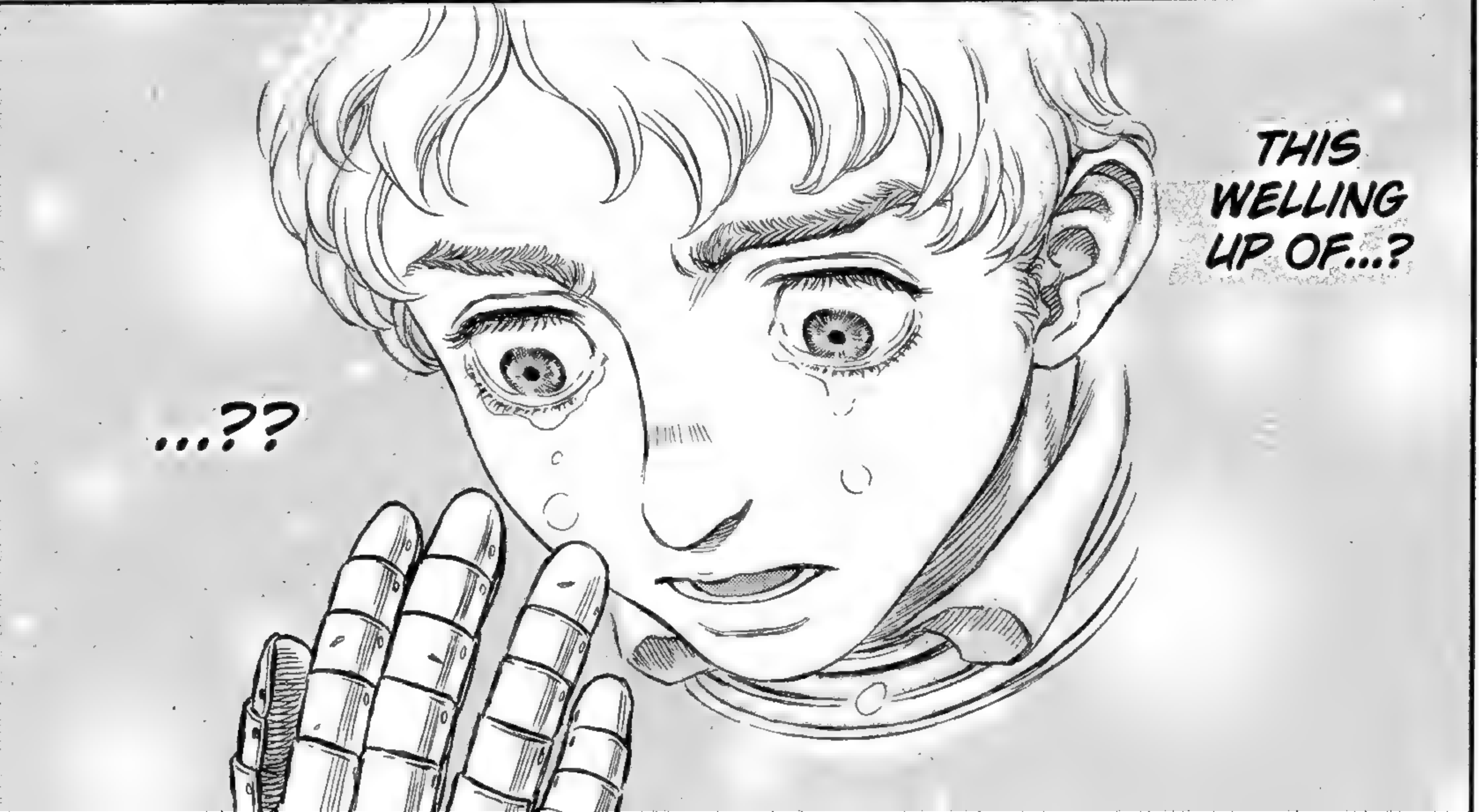
AS A WAR HERO
I HAD IMAGINED
HIM TO BE
A MUSCLAR,
GOOD-LOOKING
MAN...

*FX: THDUMP THDUMP



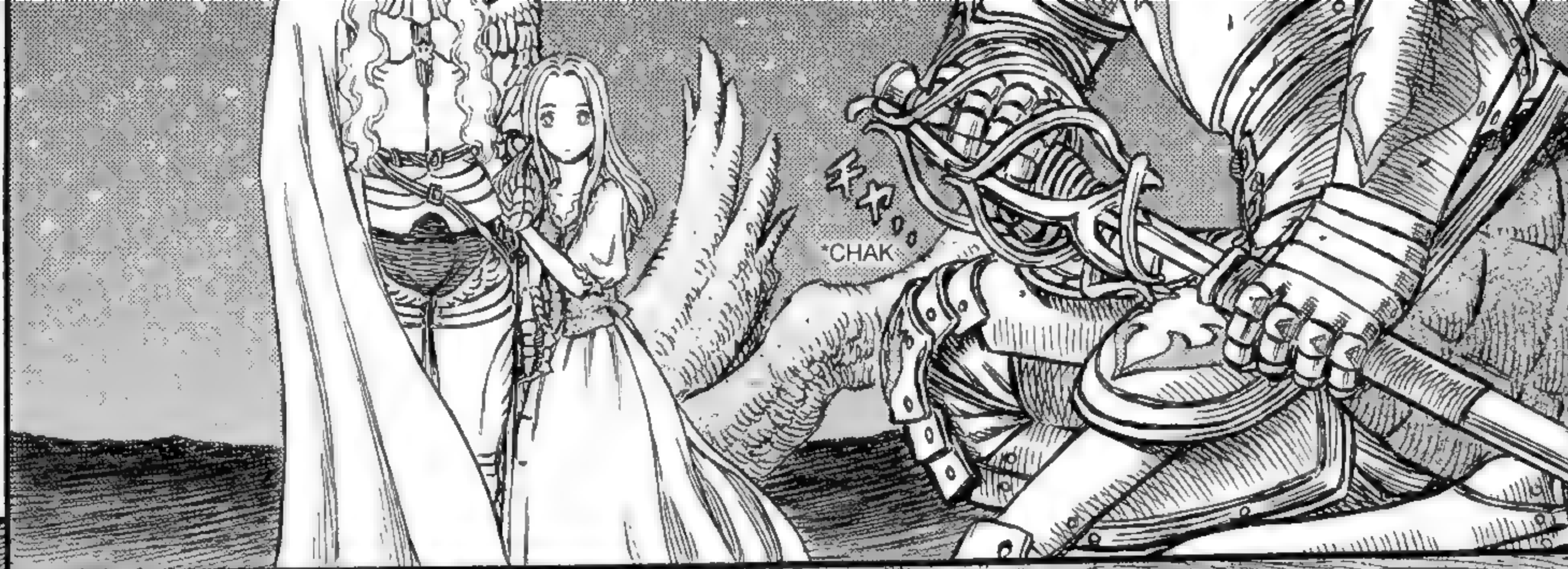
...JUST AS I
SET EYES
ON HIM?

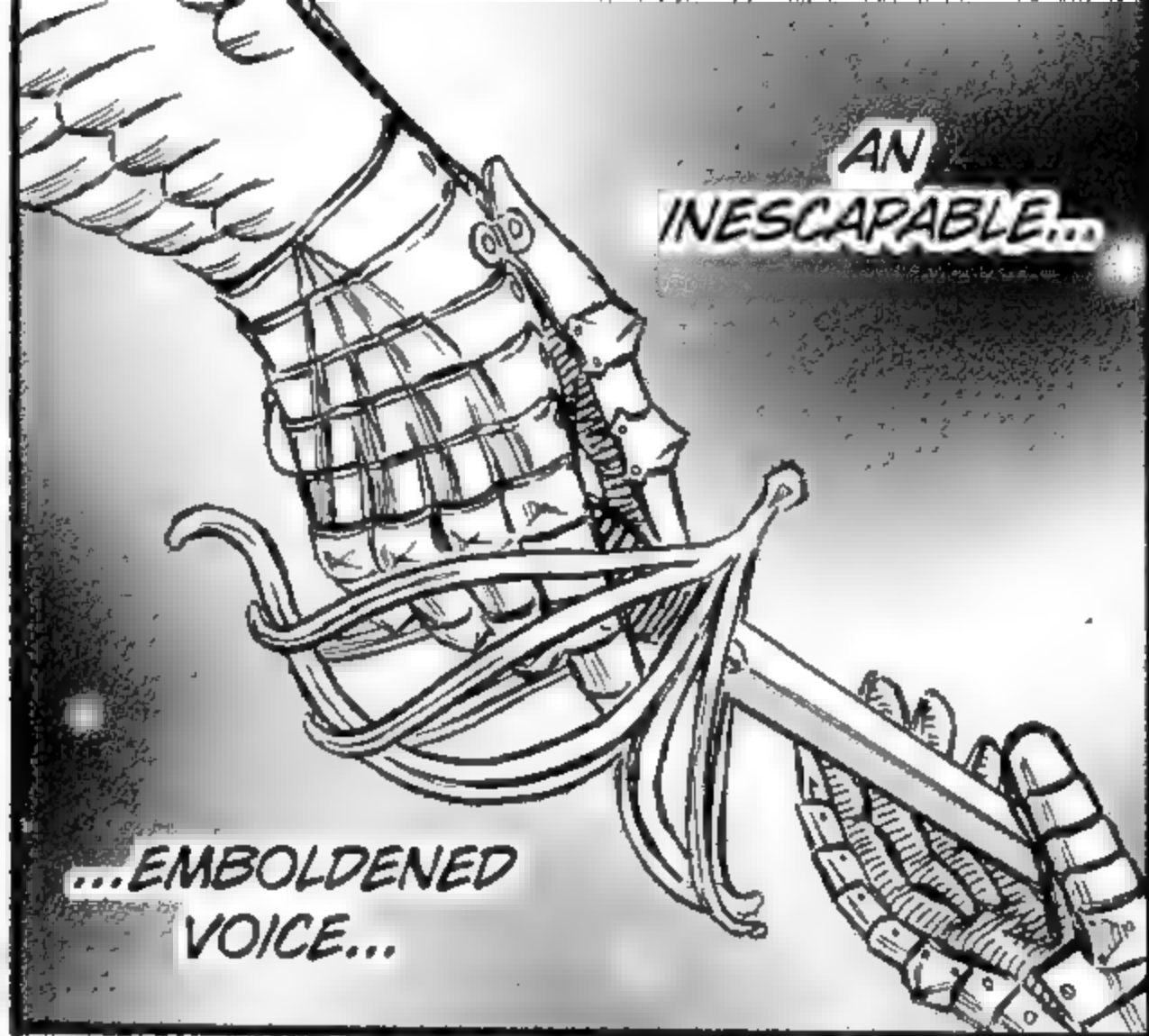
BUT THAT ASIDE,
WHAT IS THIS?
THESE FEELINGS
THAT ROSE UP...



...??

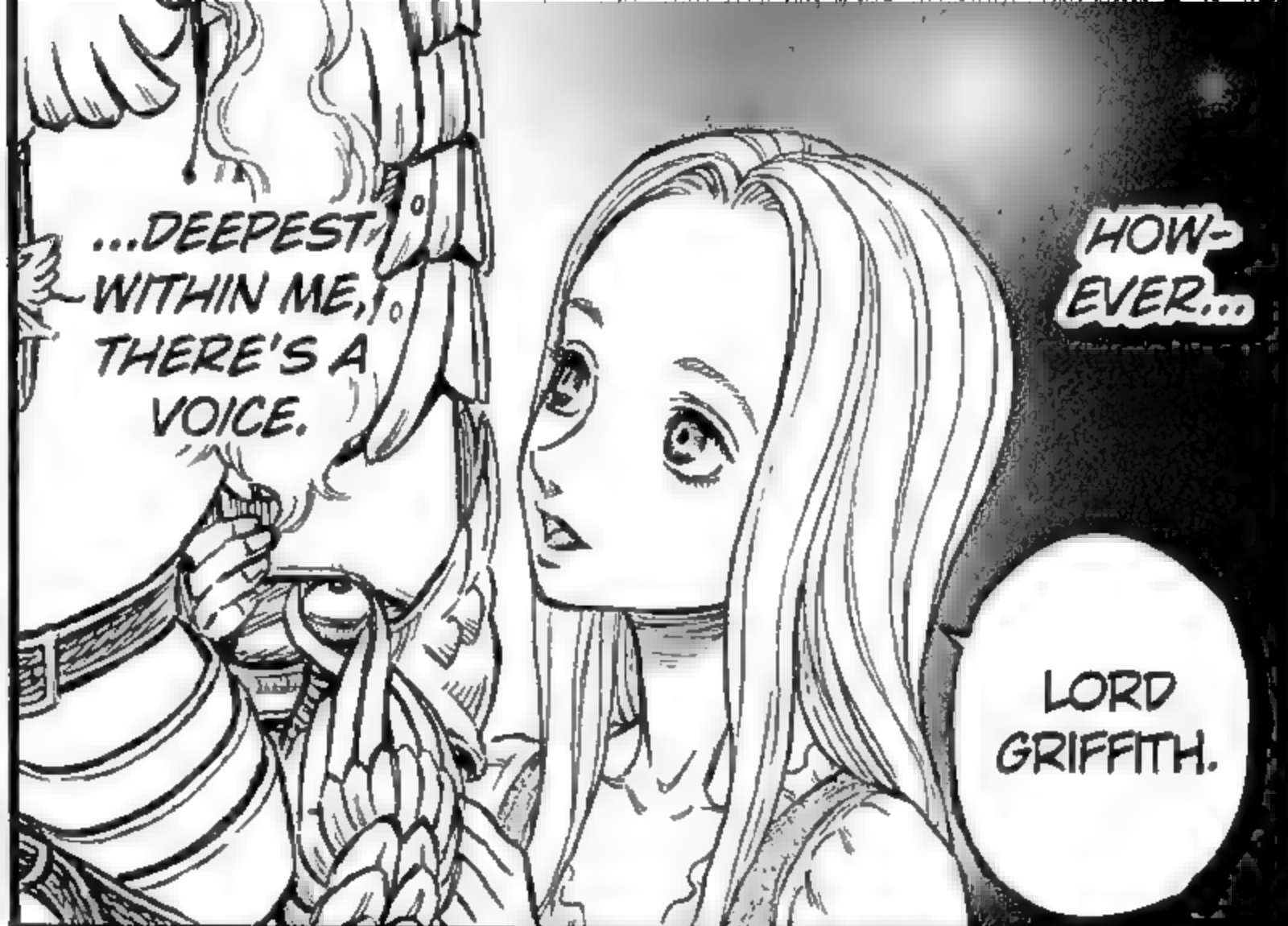
THIS
WELLING
UP OF...?





AN
INESCAPABLE...

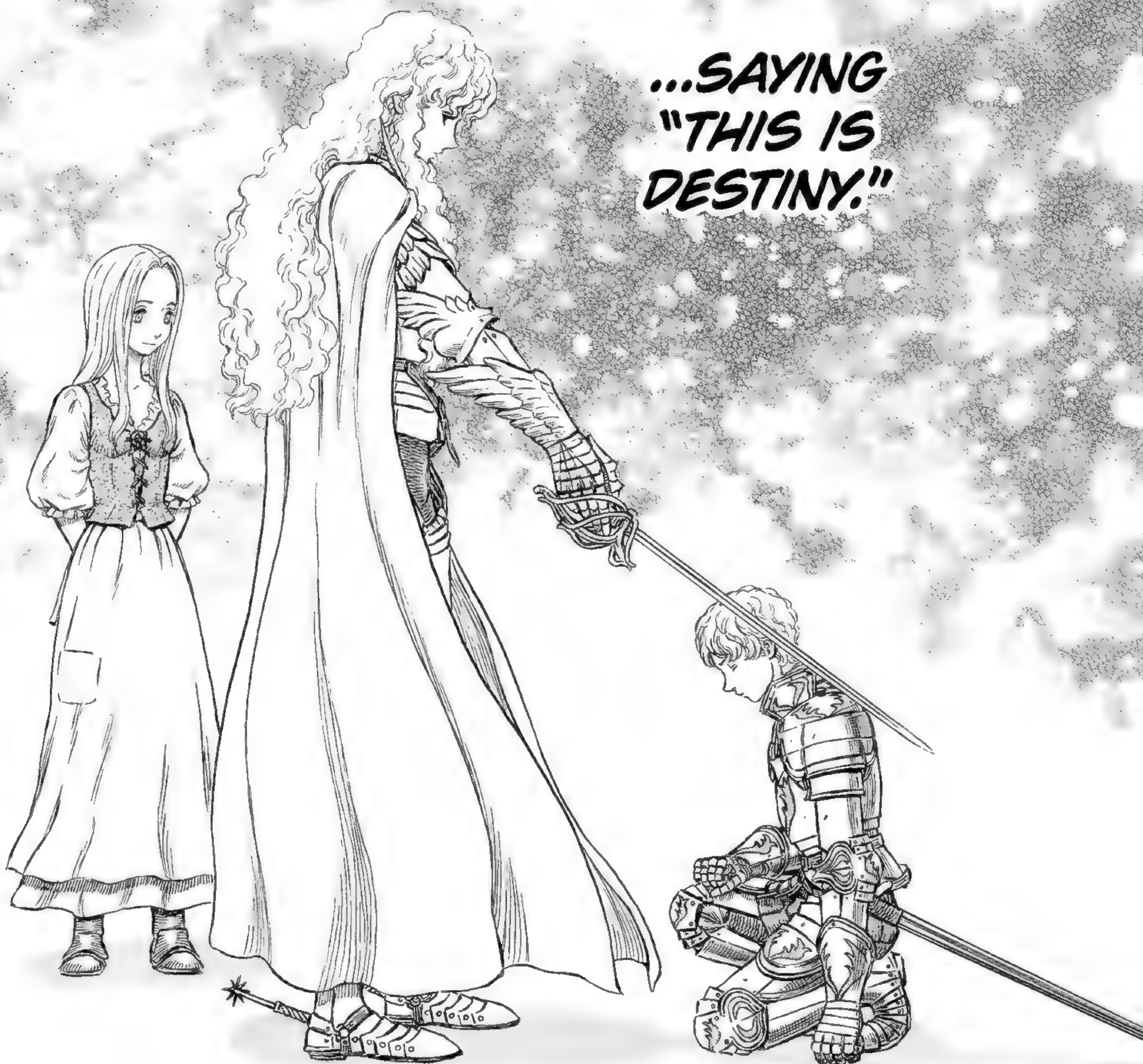
...EMBOLDENED
VOICE...



...DEEPEST
WITHIN ME,
THERE'S A
VOICE.

HOW-
EVER...

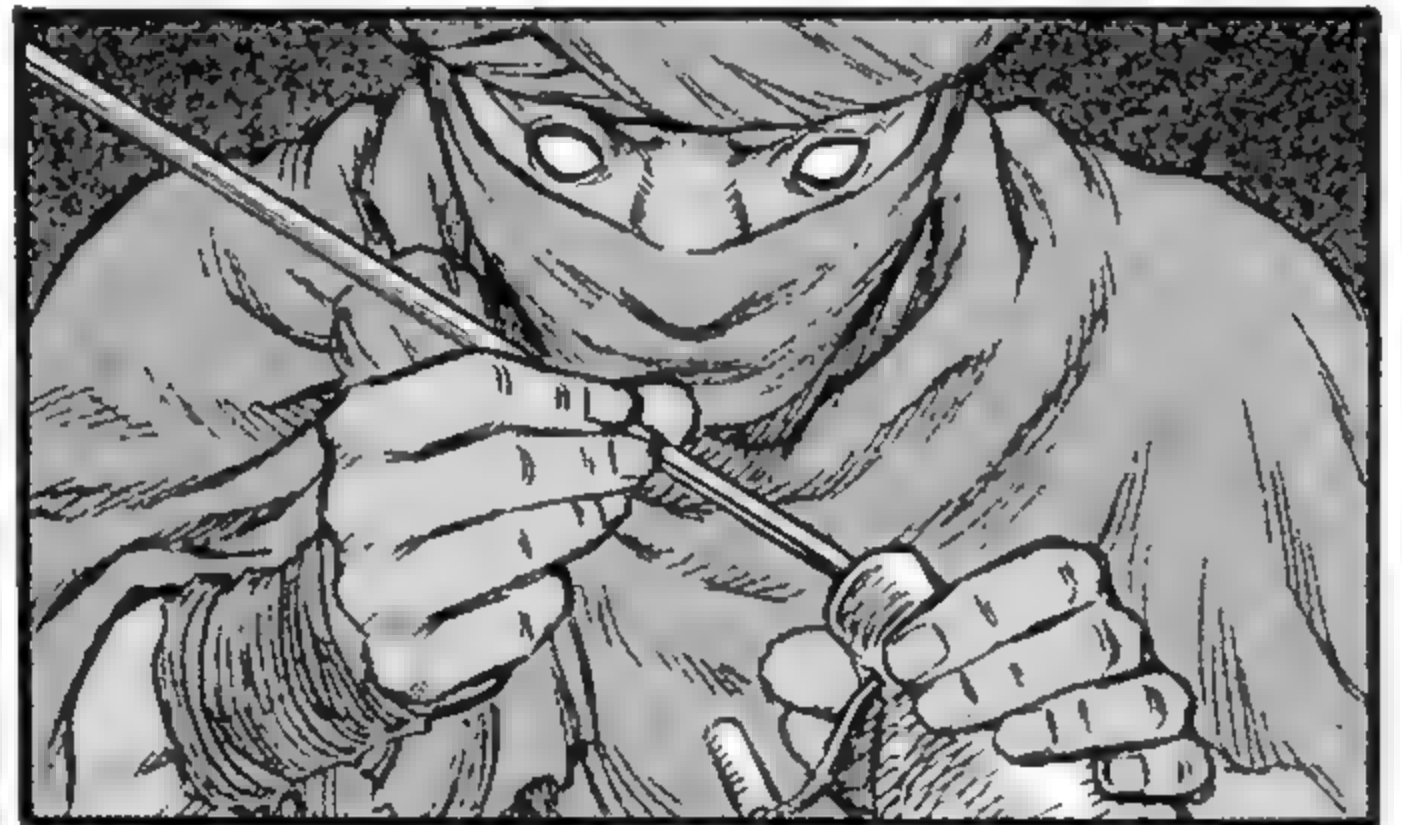
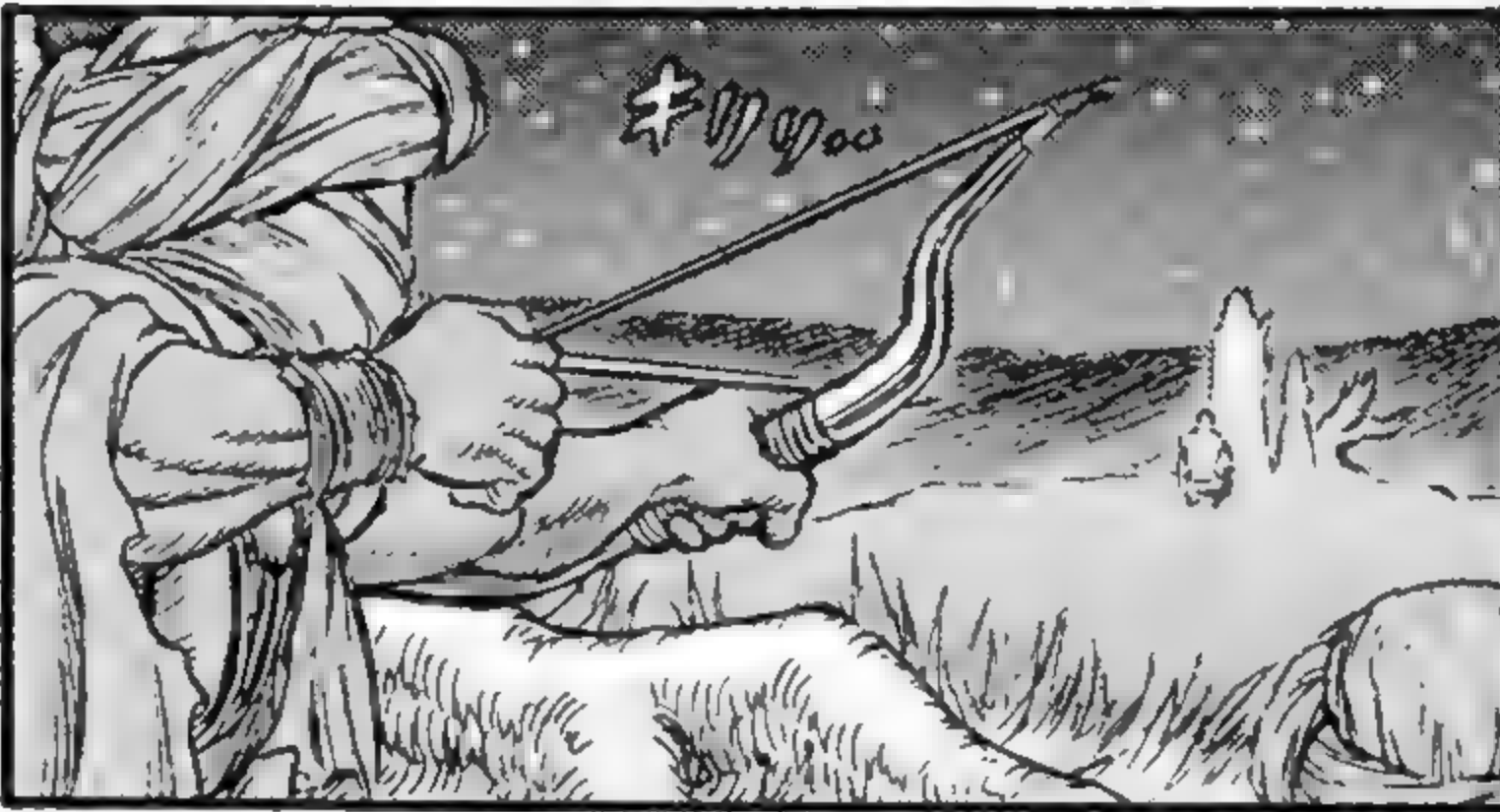
LORD
GRIFFITH.



...SAYING
"THIS IS
DESTINY."



*FX: KRRRN

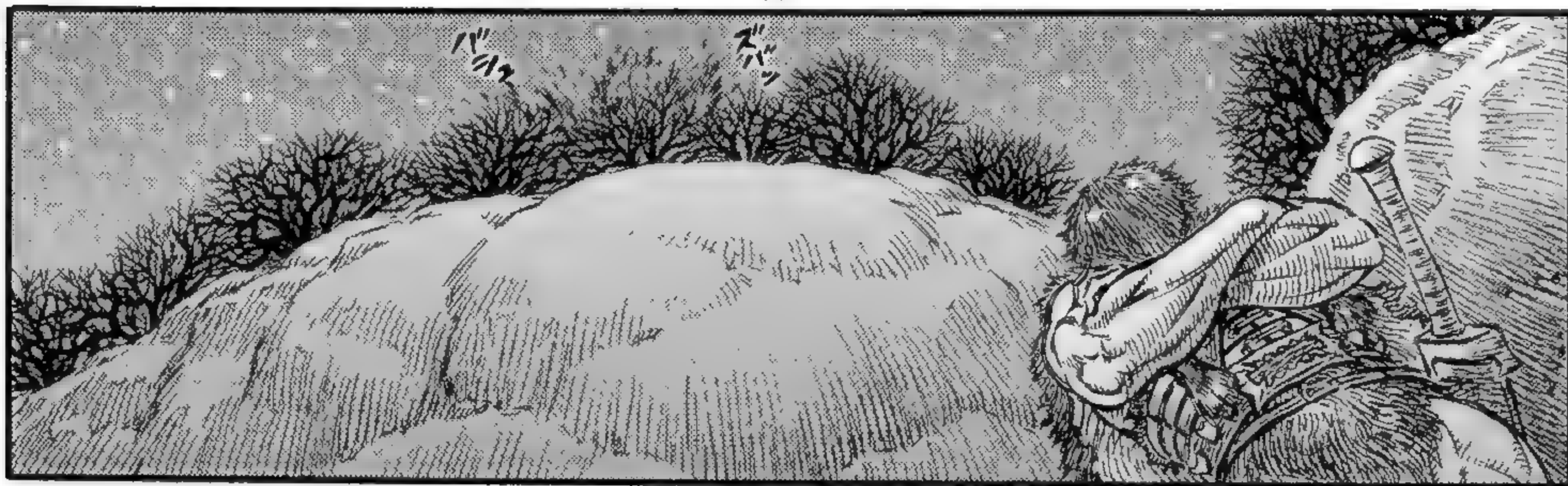


QUIET.



*FX: BOSH

*FX: ZSSH



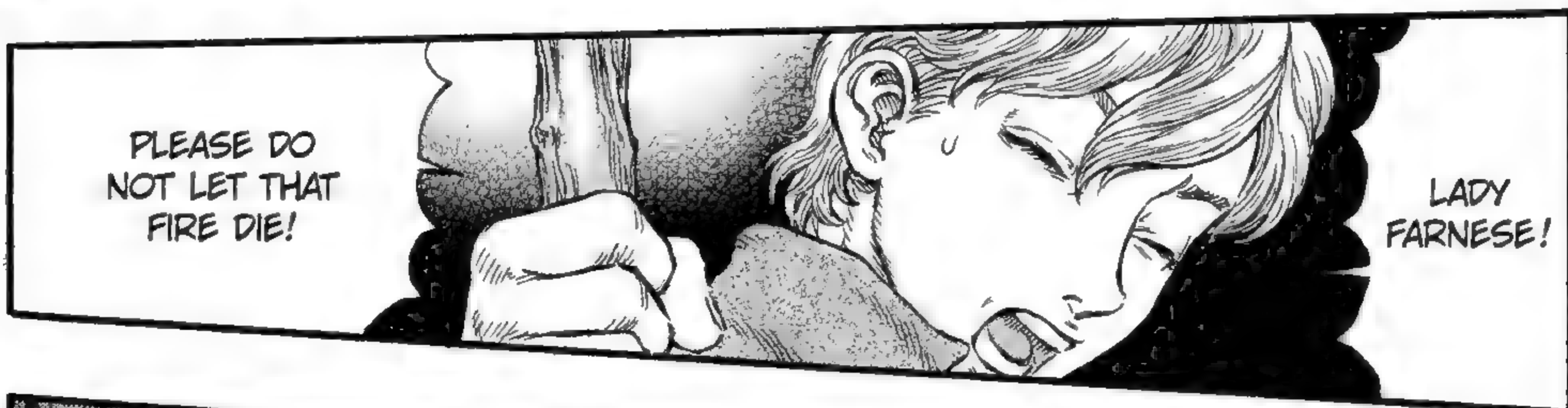
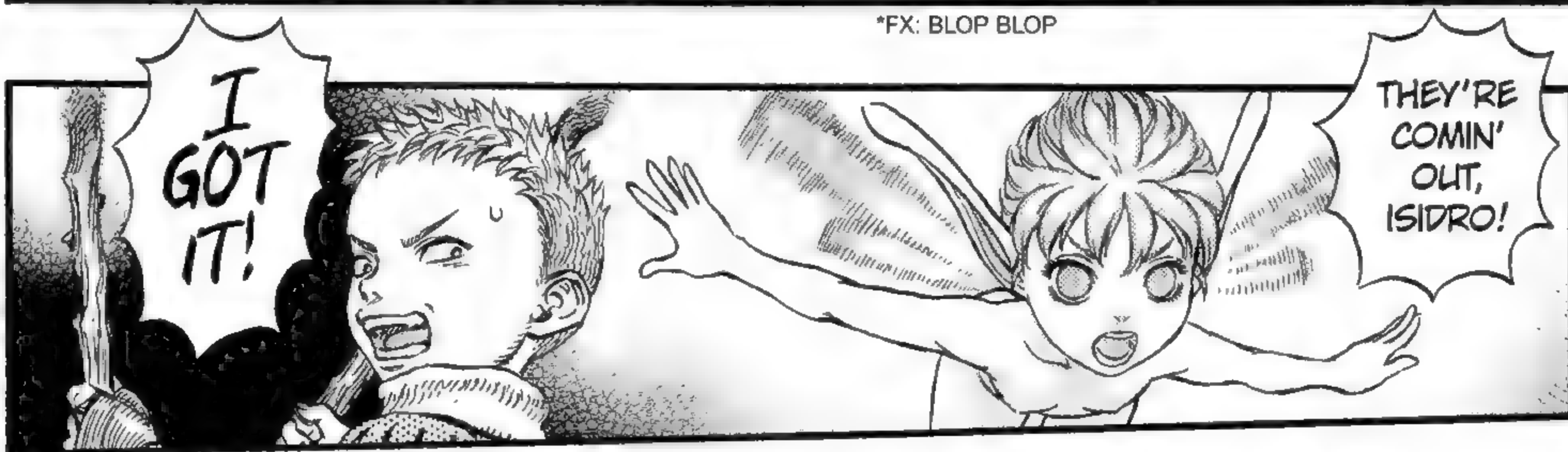
...TO THE
DOMAIN OF
LEGEND.

PERHAPS IT
BELONGED...



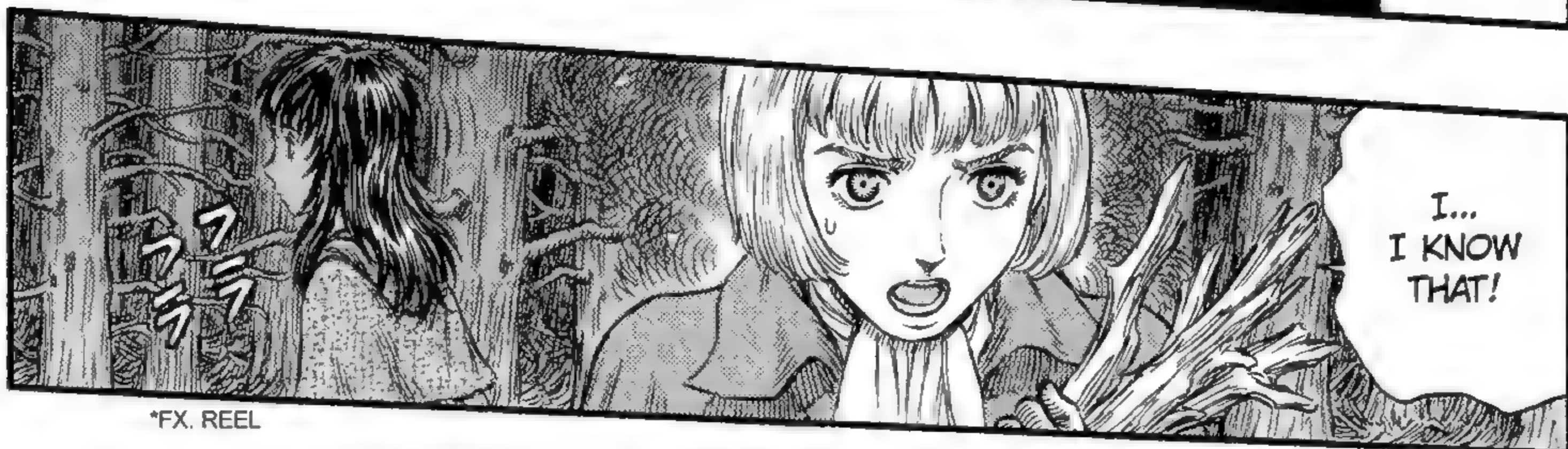


*FX: BLOP BLOP



PLEASE DO
NOT LET THAT
FIRE DIE!

LADY
FARNESE!



*FX: REEL

I...
I KNOW
THAT!

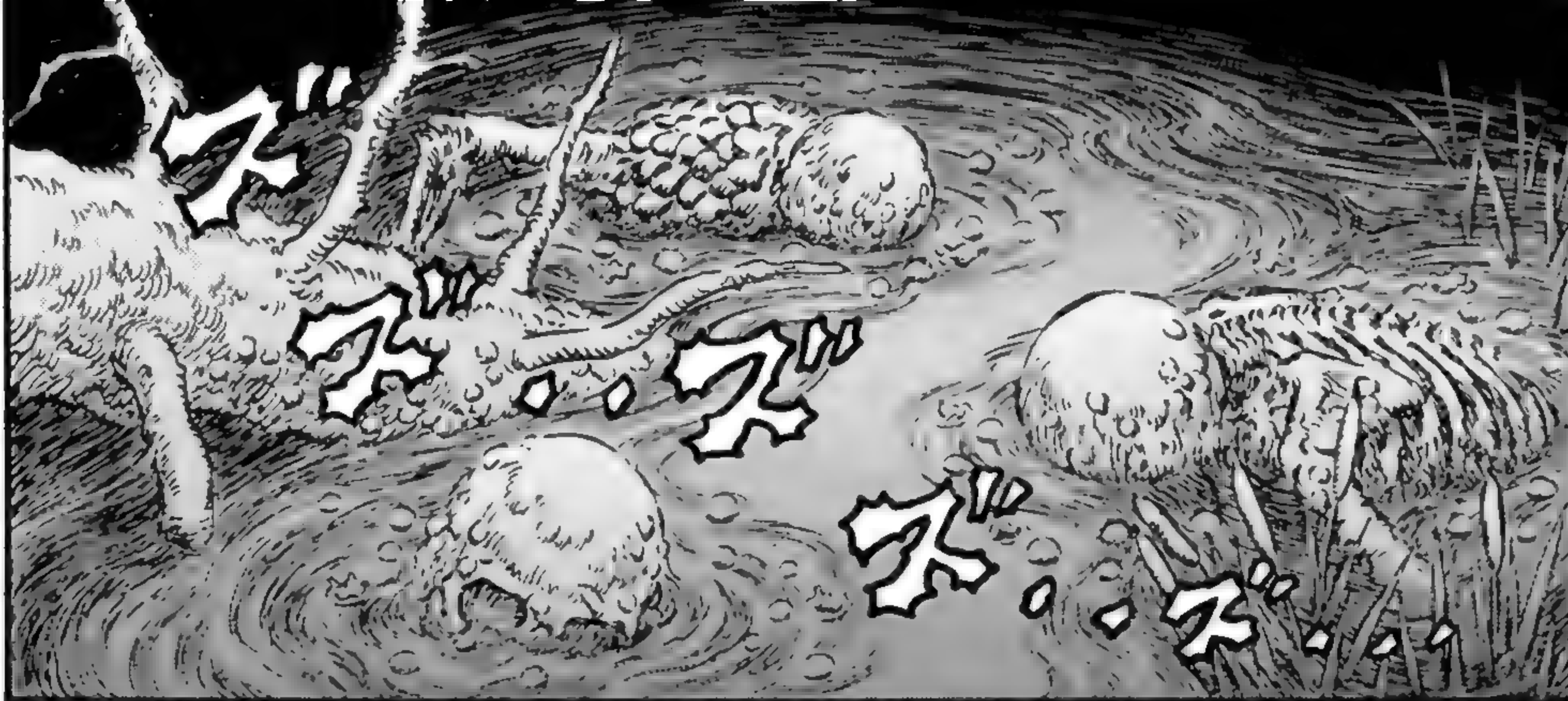


AUU!

NO,
CASCA!
YOU
MUSTN'T
WANDER
AROUND!

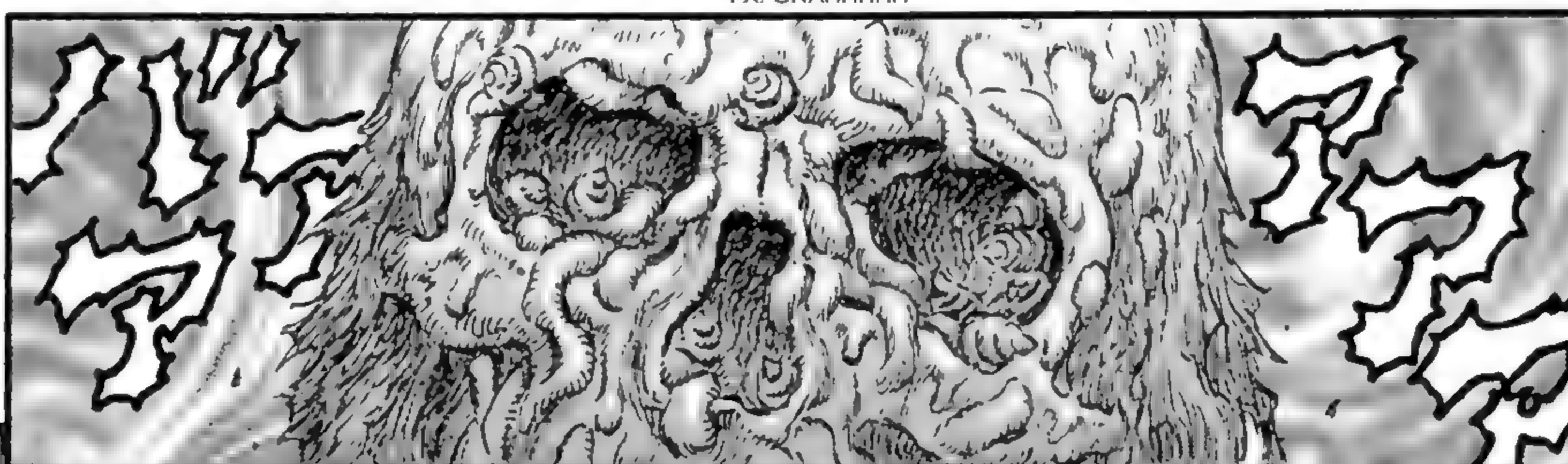


HERE
THEY
COME
!!



*FX: ZMZMZMZM

*FX: GRAHHHHH





NOW YOU
SHALL TEACH
THEM THE
POWER OF ELF
DIMENSION
STYLE!

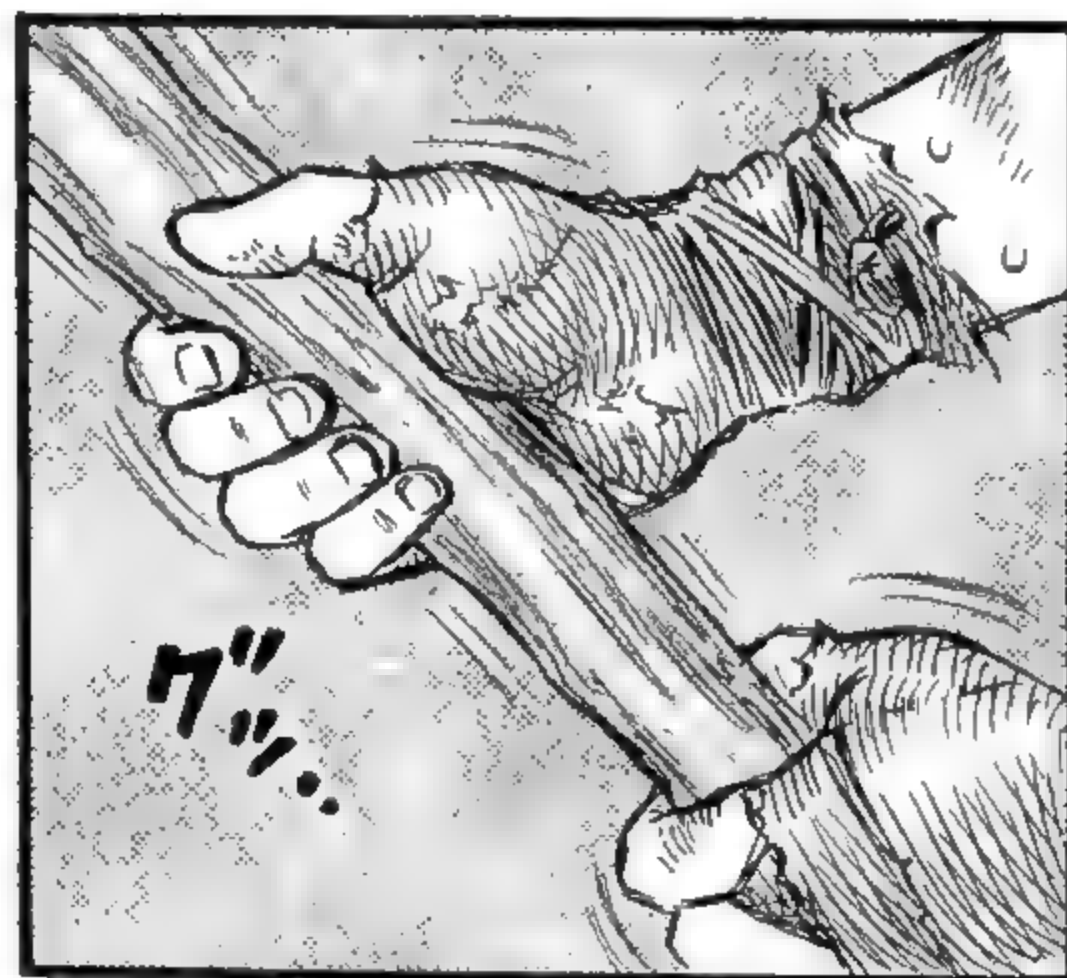
NO, I
SHAN'T.

*POSE
フキッ

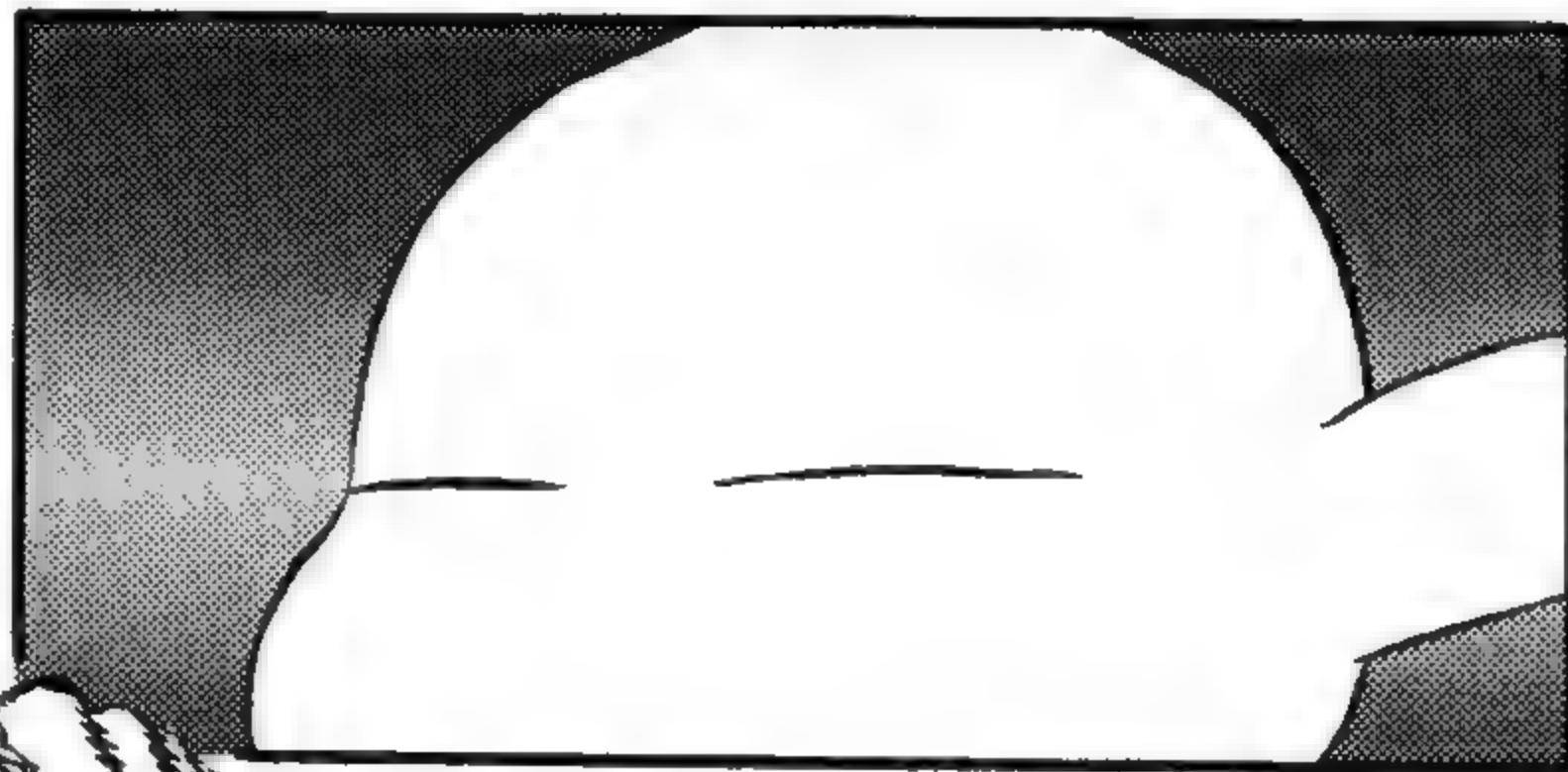
LIKE A BABY
みどりご
嬰兒の如く



*FX: HHHHH



*FX: SQUEEZE



*ZERYAHHH



すはぁああん!!
*WHAAACK!!

MMM,
GOOD!

I AM MUCH
OBLIGED.

すはぁああん!!
*SLRRP



YOU
DO GOOD
WORK,
SERPY.

I TRIED
USING THE
FOX MARROW
FROM
YESTERDAY.

HNN
WHY
YY?!

THINK A LITTLE.
AT YOUR HEIGHT,
WHAT'LL HAPPEN
IF YOU USE
AN OVERHEAD
STRIKE AGAINST
AN ADULT?



IF YOU WANT
TO GET GOOD
AT KILLIN', FIRST
USE YOUR HEAD
AND THINK FOR
YOURSELF.

*TMP TMP
ト
ト

I AIN'T GOT
MUCH TIME.
I'LL TEACH YOU
THE BASICS
AND SPAR
WITH YOU,
BUT THE
REST IS UP
TO YOU.



DROPEY, FOOD'S
ALMOST READY, SO GO
CALL FARNY AND CASCA.
THEY'RE GATHERIN'
FIREWOOD OVER
THERE.

YOU GUYS'VE
SURE GOTTEN
DOMESTICATED.

GO
DO IT
YOUR-
SELF.

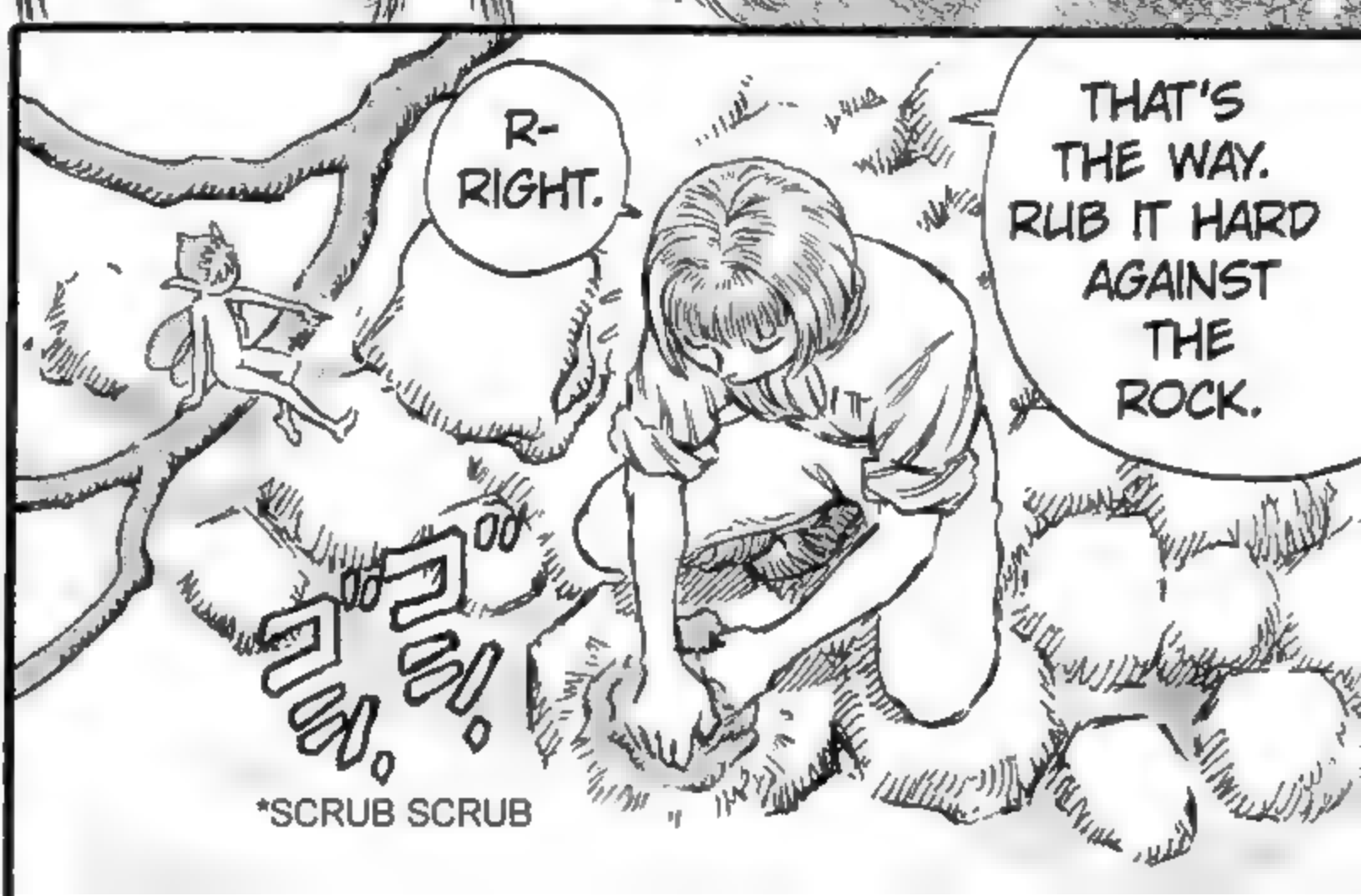
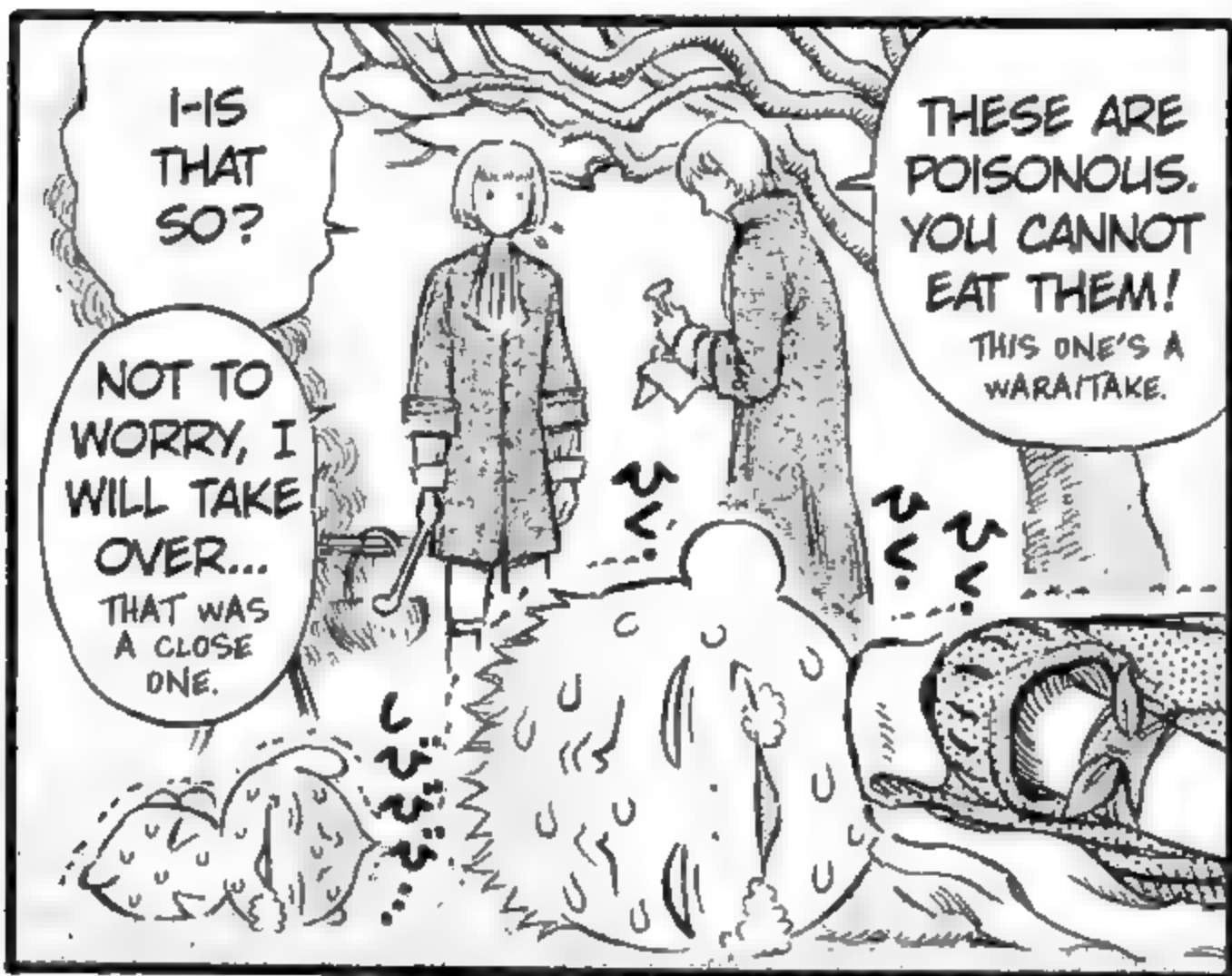
YEAH, YOU'RE
LIKELY TO
NEED SALT
AFTER
EXERTION.

I WANT TO
SEASON IT
A BIT MORE,
BUT WE ARE
STARTING
TO RUN
OUT.

NOT THINKIN'
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD'LL
GET YOU
DEAD REAL
QUICK.

AND WHAT
IF YOU BEAT
ME STUPID
FIRST?

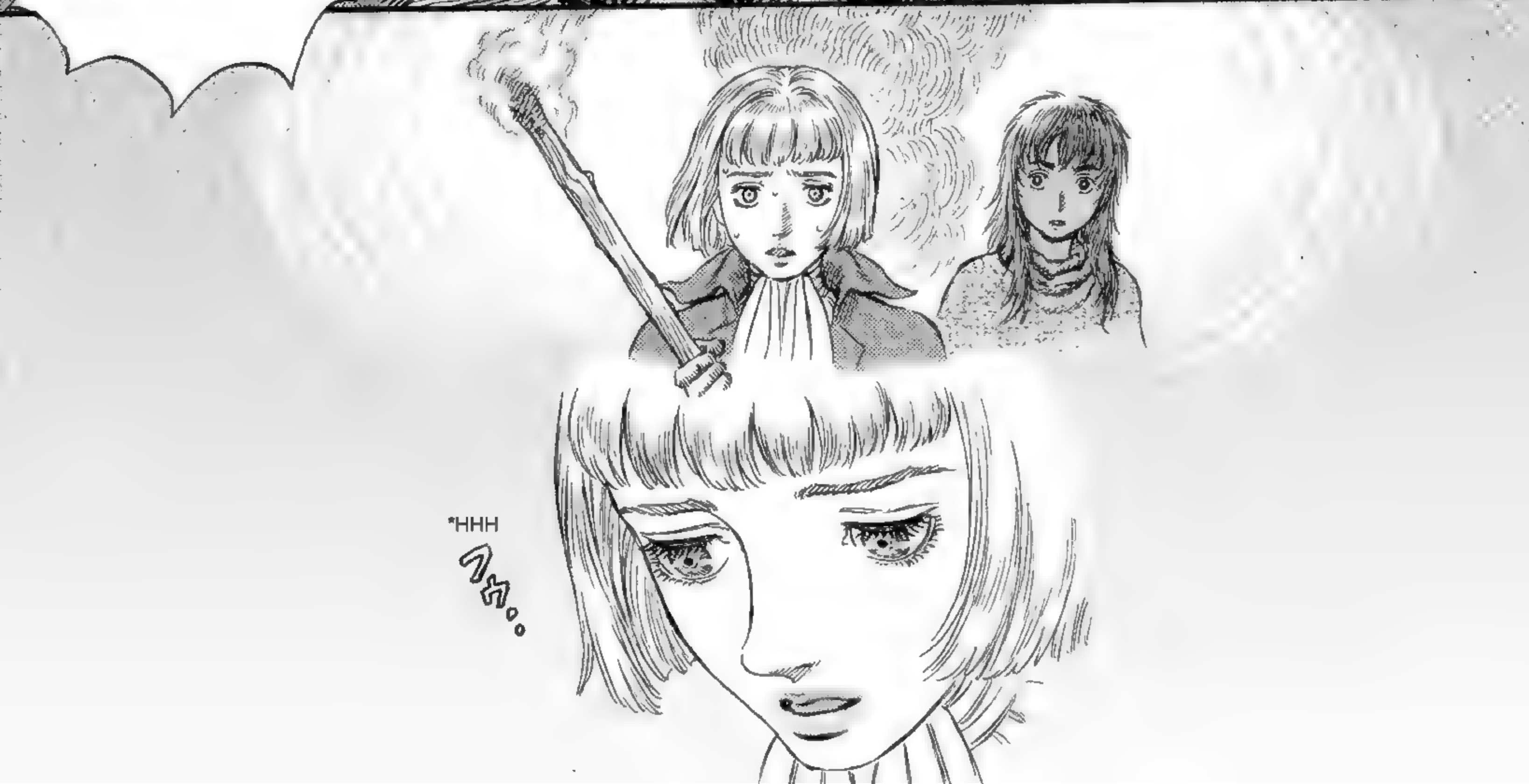
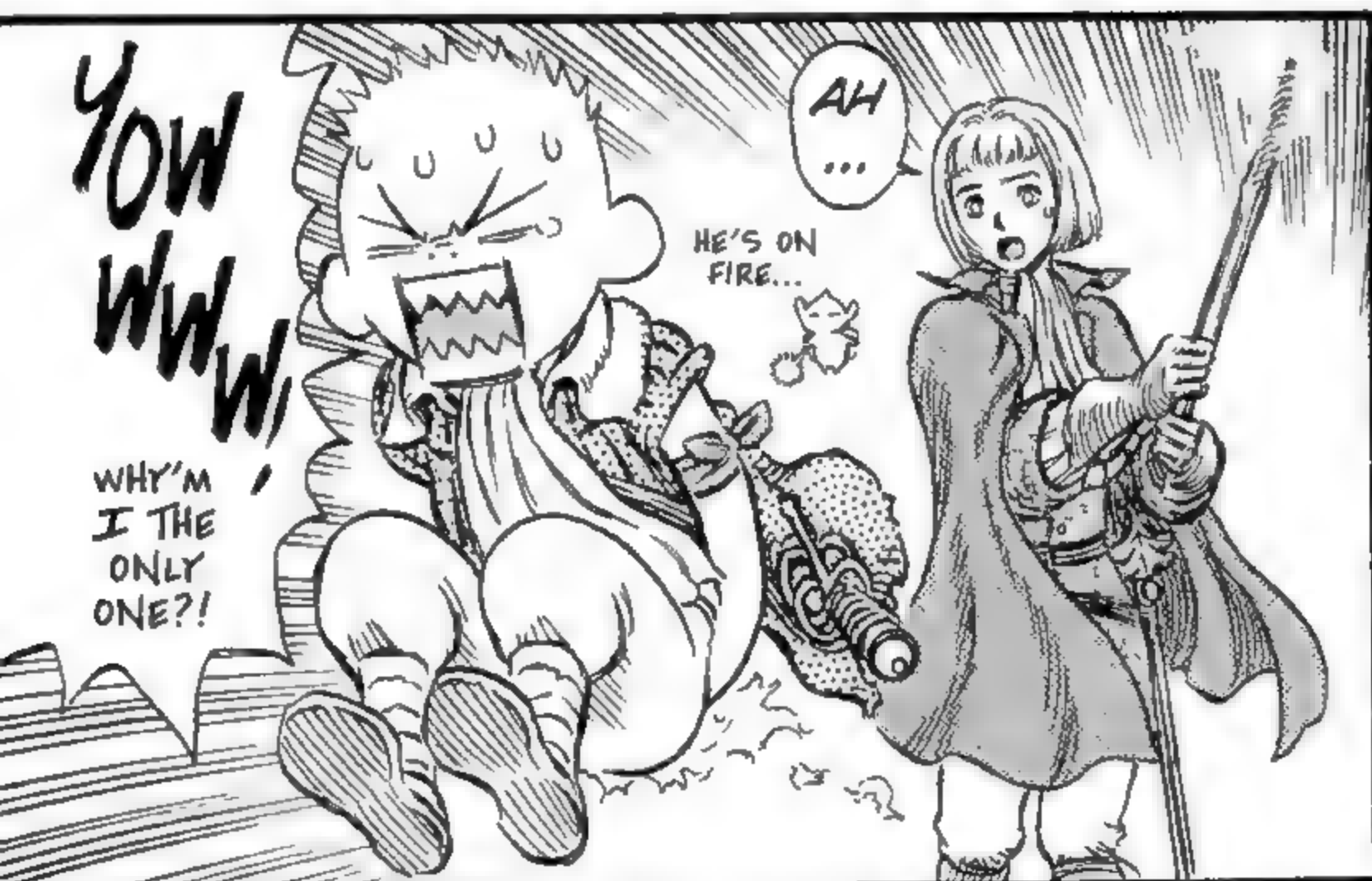
YOU
WHACKED
THE HELL
OUTTA ME





*FX: BAOHHHH

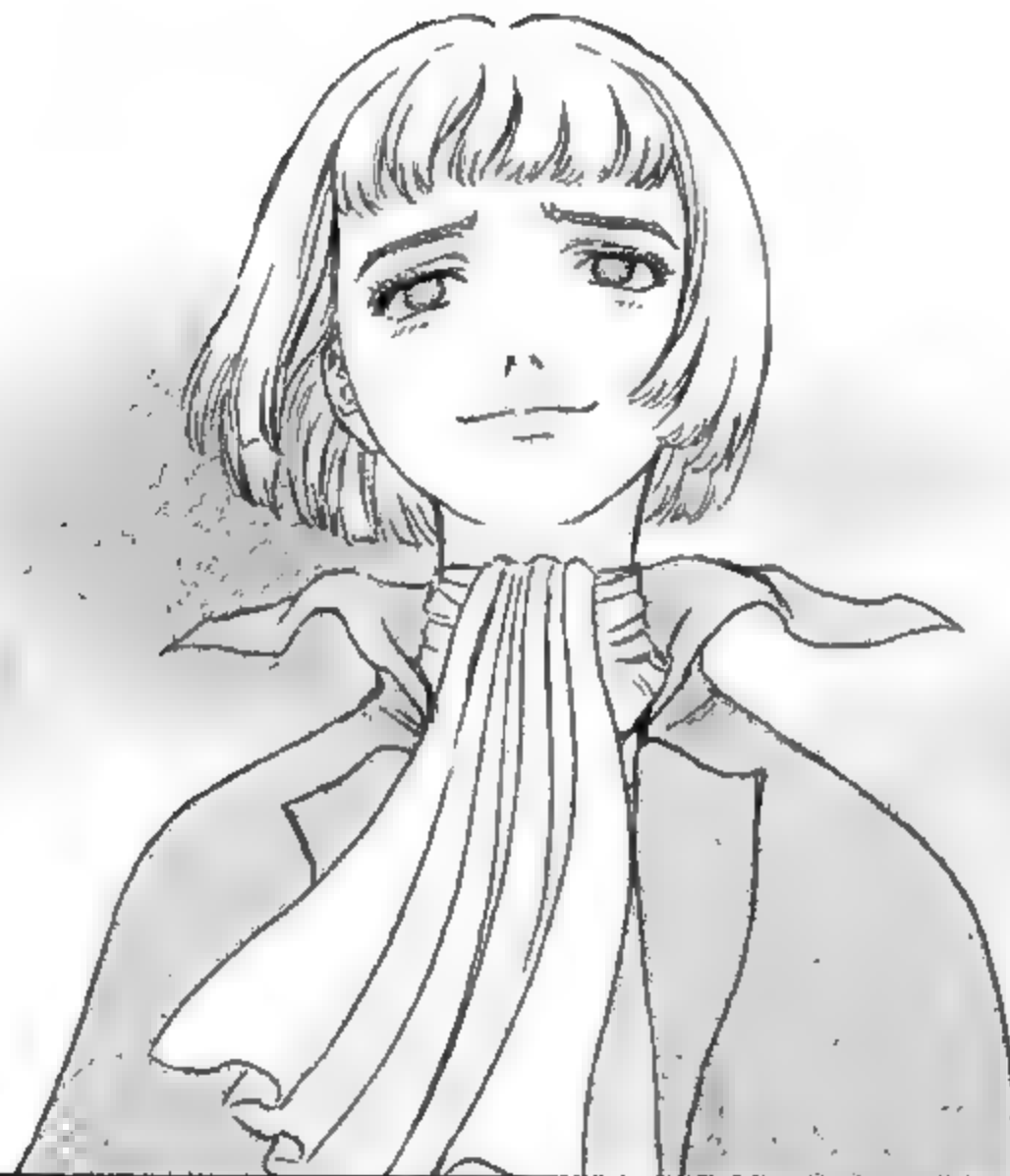
*FX: FWSSH



I'M...TRULY
USELESS.

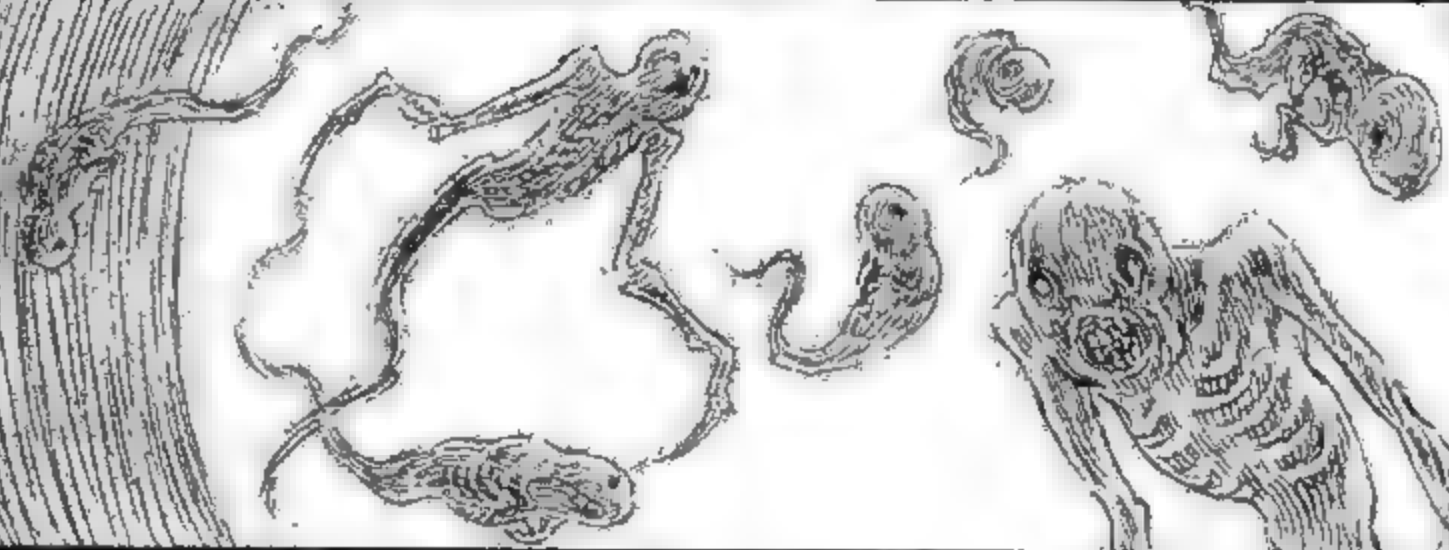
AND...

...IT'S
LAUGHABLE...



I WAS
PREPARED
FOR THAT.
BUT...

BEING EXPOSED
TO TERROR EVERY
NIGHT MADE ME
REALIZE HOW
DIMINUTIVE IS MY
EXISTENCE.



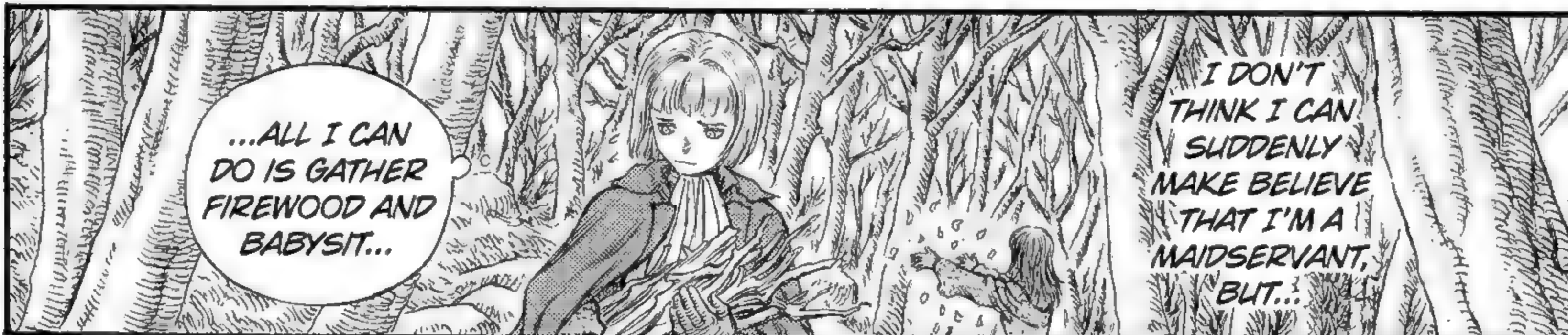
...THAT I CAN'T
ACTUALLY DO
ANYTHING IN
MY MUNDANE,
DAILY LIFE.

...EVEN AS I
BECOME USED TO
THE GROTESQUE,
I SEE NOW...



...ALL I CAN
DO IS GATHER
FIREWOOD AND
BABYSIT...

I DON'T
THINK I CAN
SUDDENLY
MAKE BELIEVE
THAT I'M A
MAIDSERVANT,
BUT...



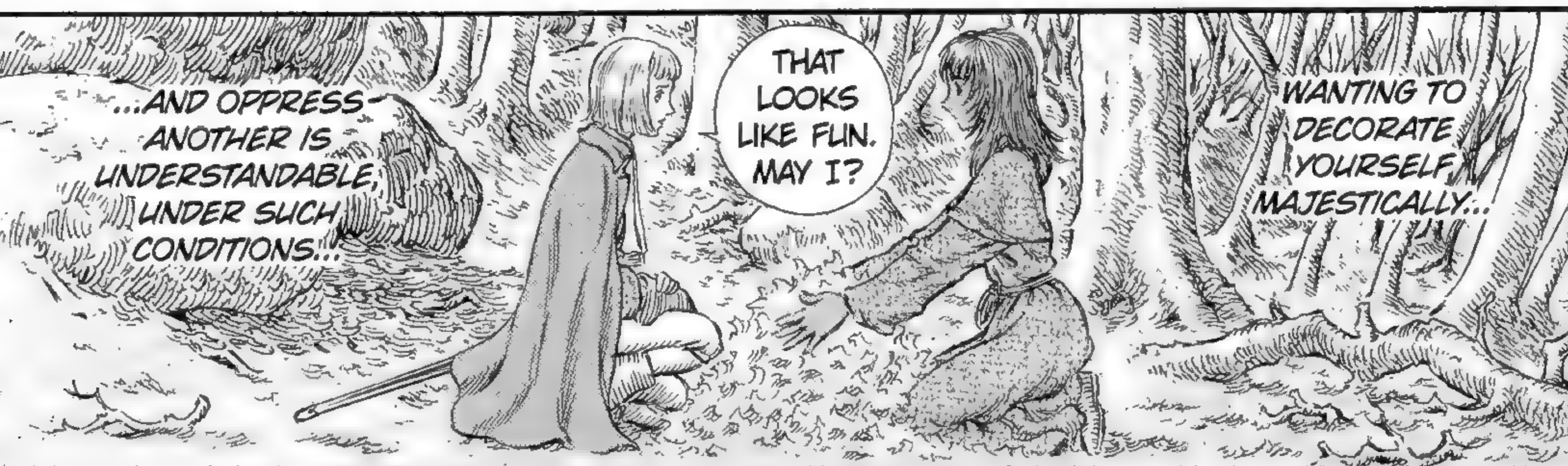
...WOULD
CHANGE
DRAMATICALLY...

BACK THEN I WAS
CONFIDENT THAT
AS LONG AS I
WENT WITH HIM,
SOMETHING
INSIDE ME...

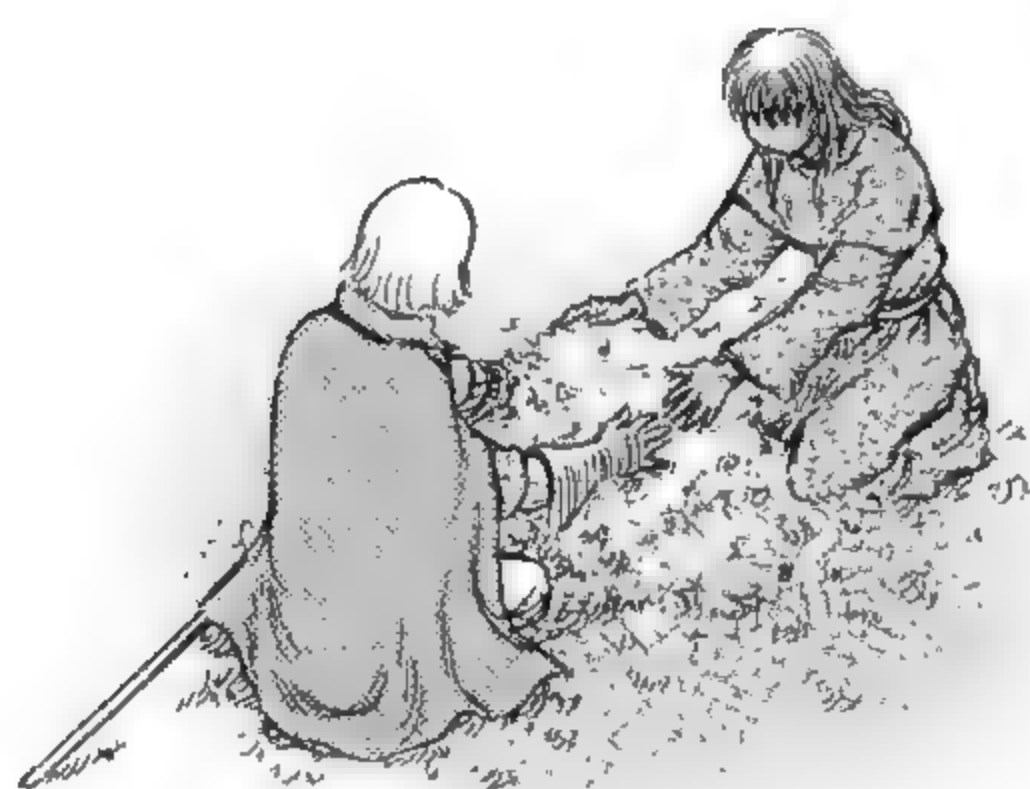




*FX: ZHAAA



...SO
SMALL.



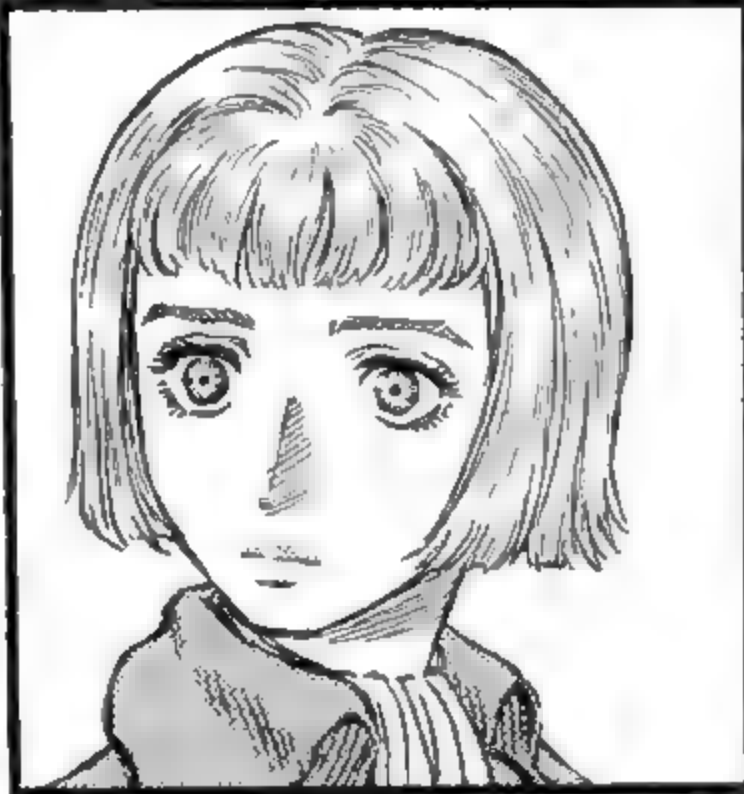
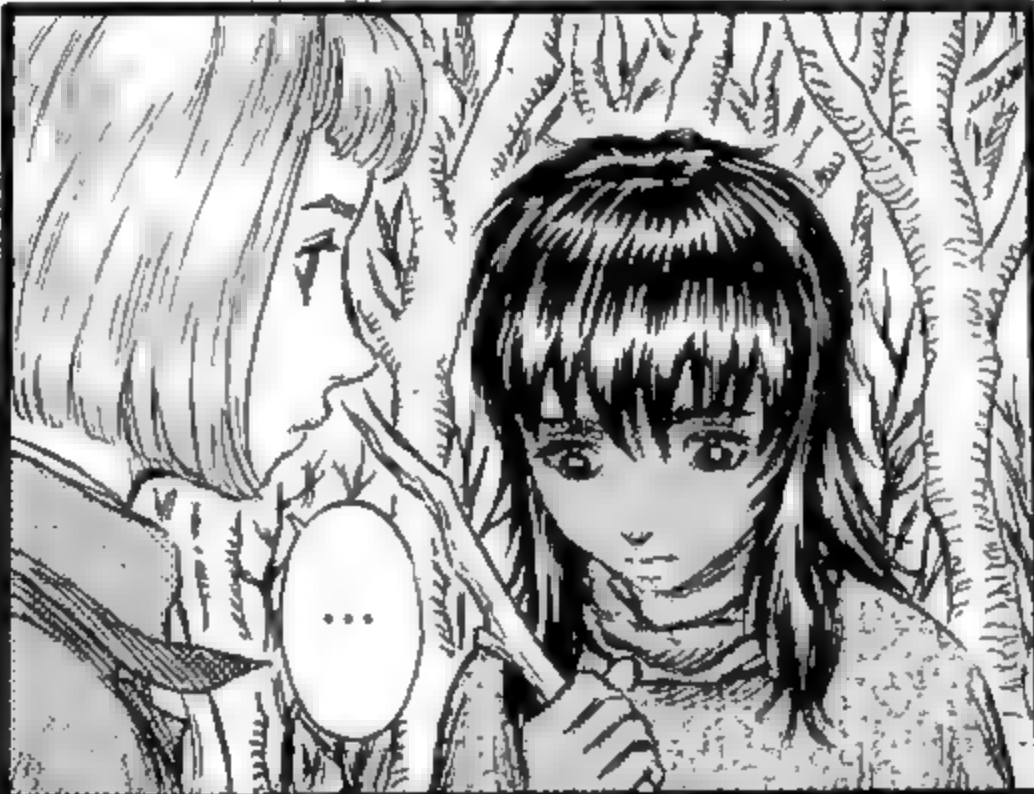
I HAVE
BEEN...



*FX: SHA

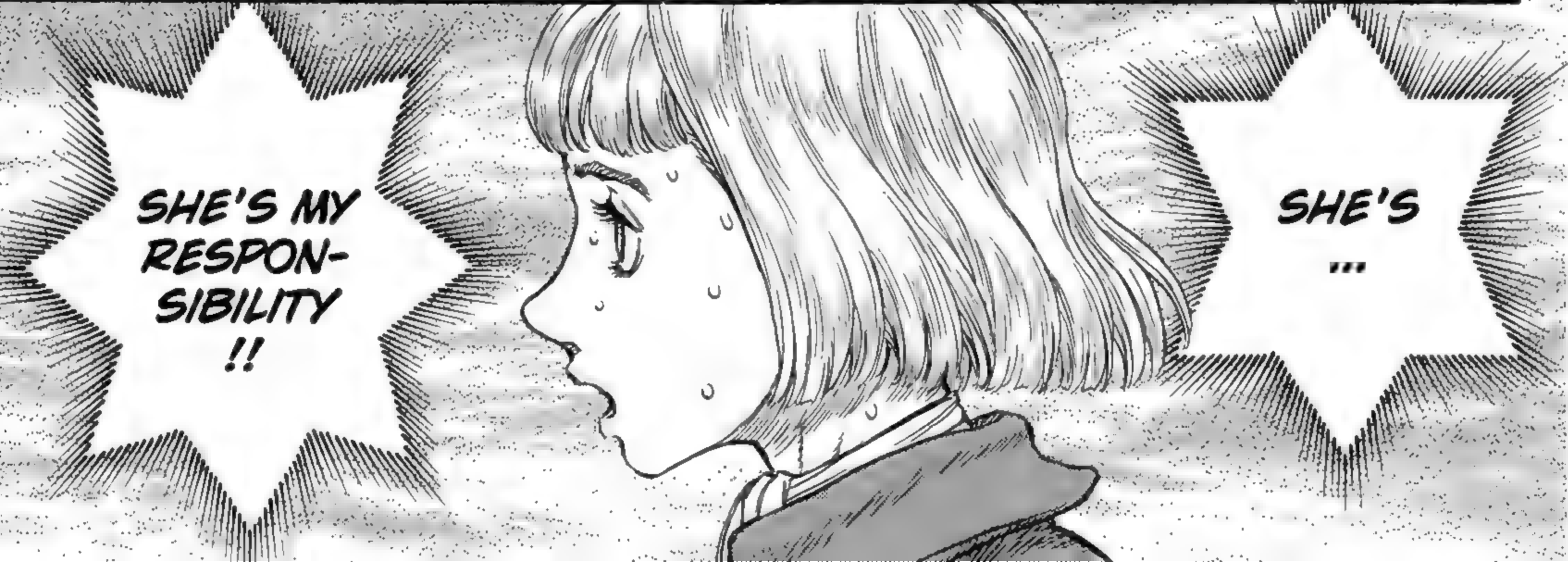
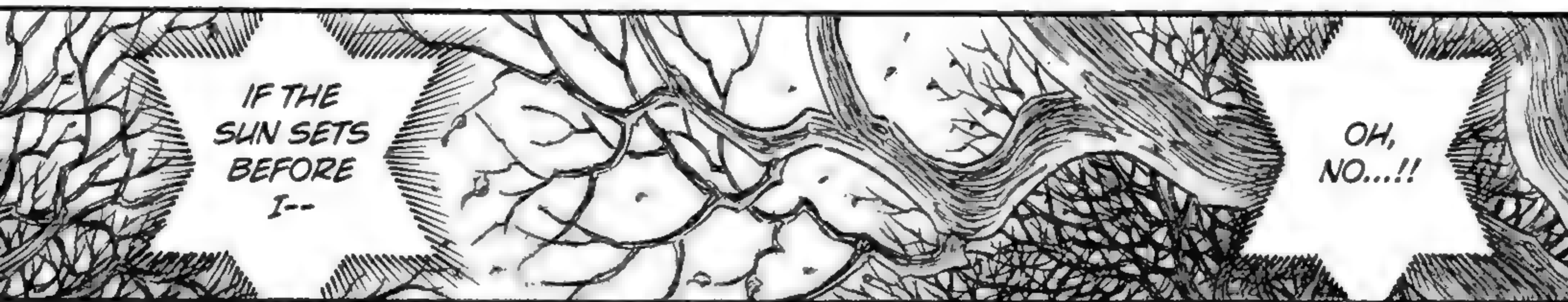
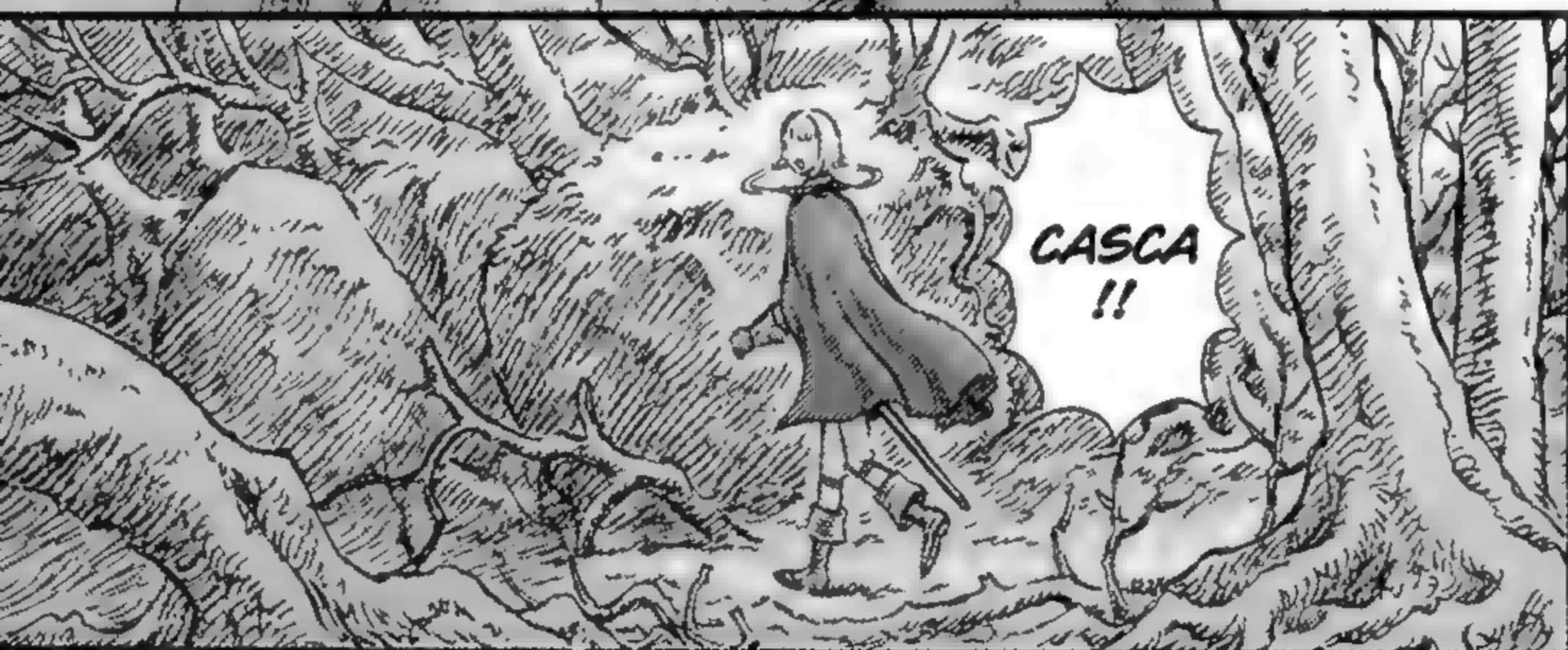
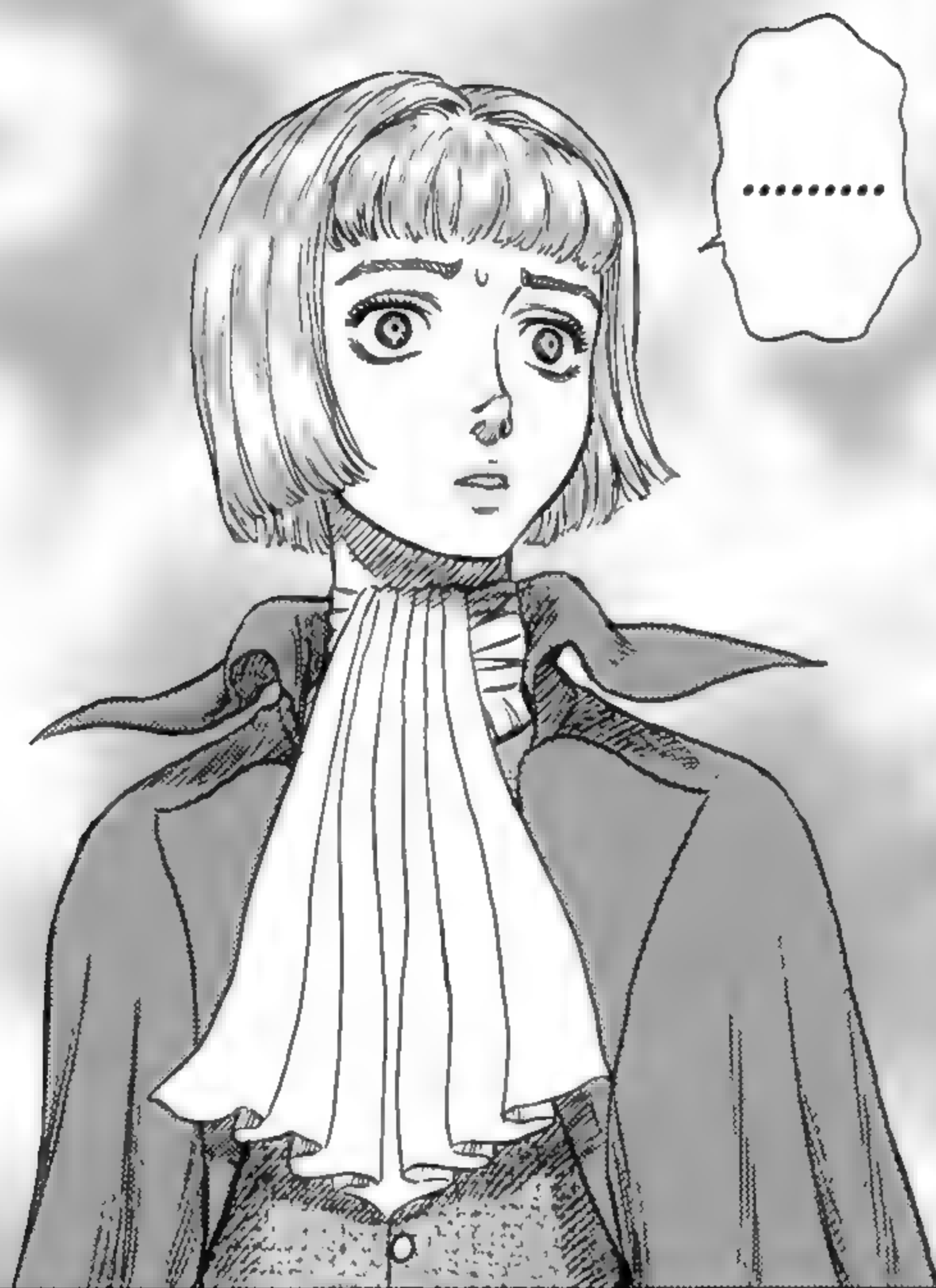


*FX: SNF SNF



*FX: SFF SFF







ANSWER
ME...!



フワフワ...

NOW
I DON'T
KNOW
THE WAY
BACK...

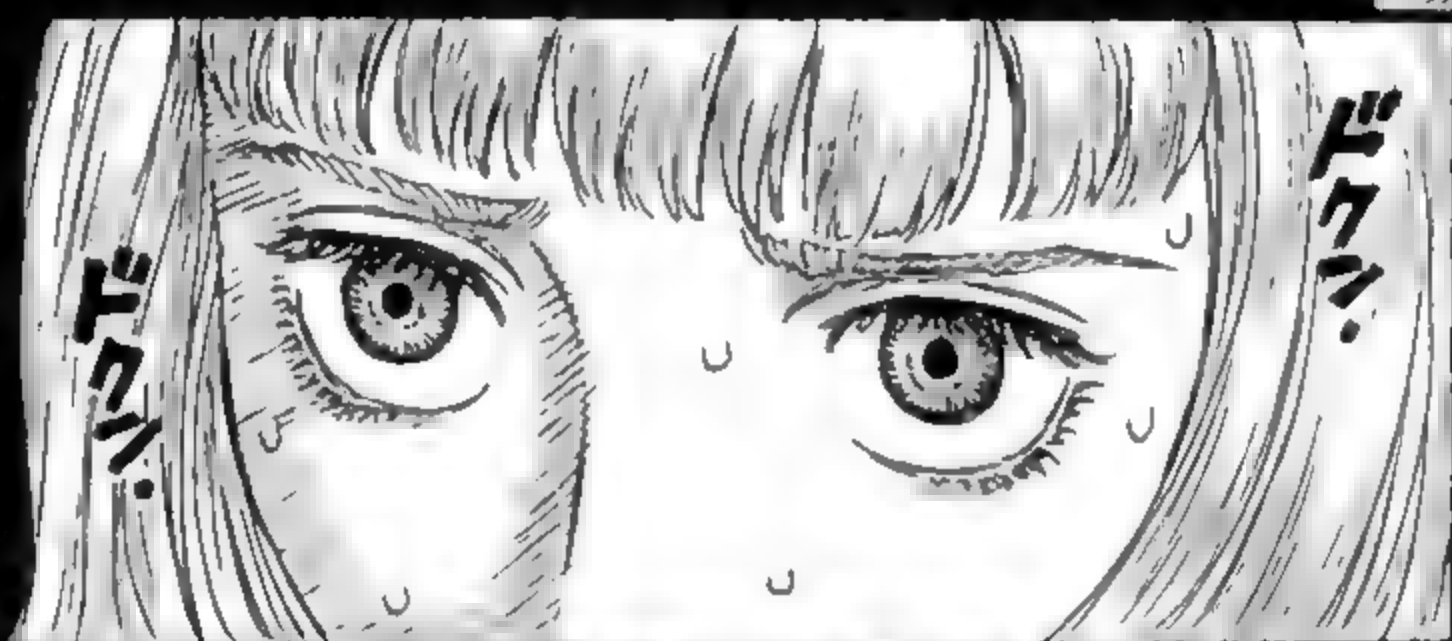
*FX: ZHAAAA

*FLAP

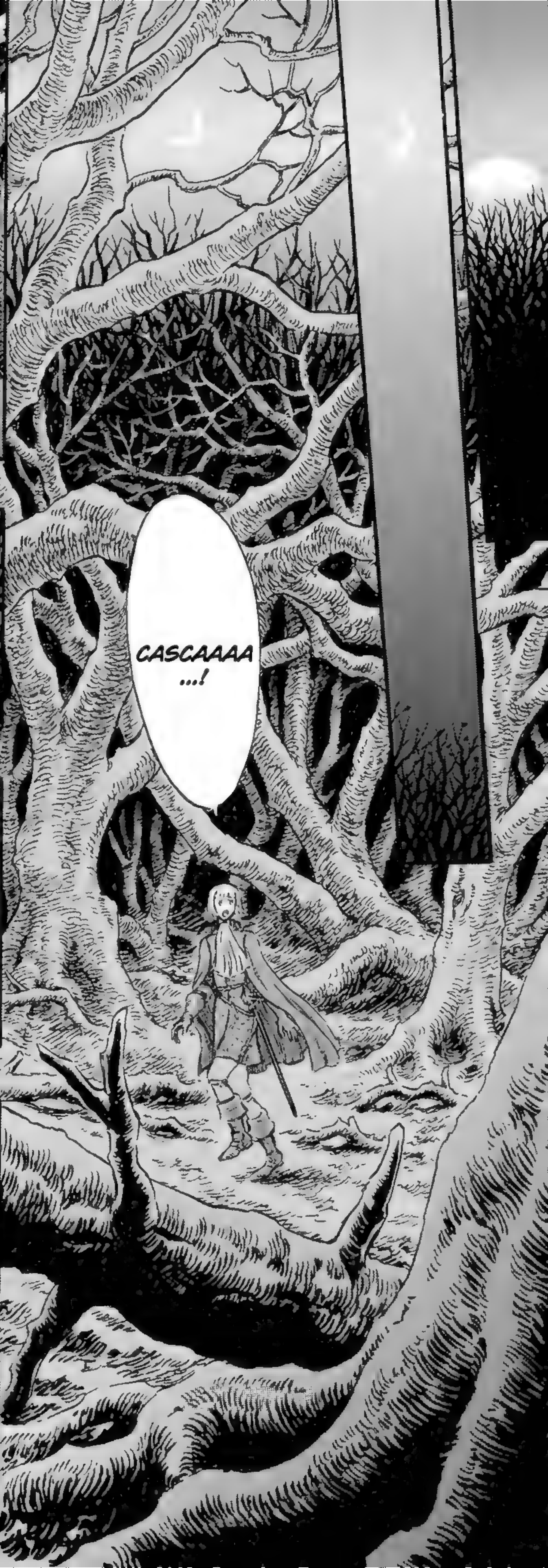
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*FLAP



*FX: THDUMP THDUMP



CASCAAAA
...!



CAS...

SOME-
BODY...

SERFICO
...

JUST
COWER.

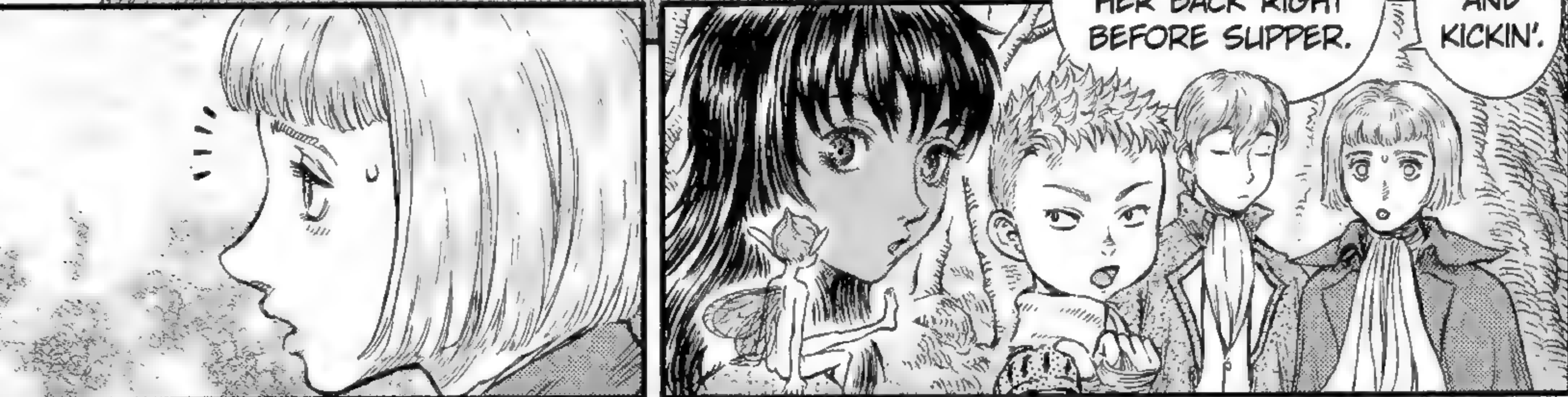
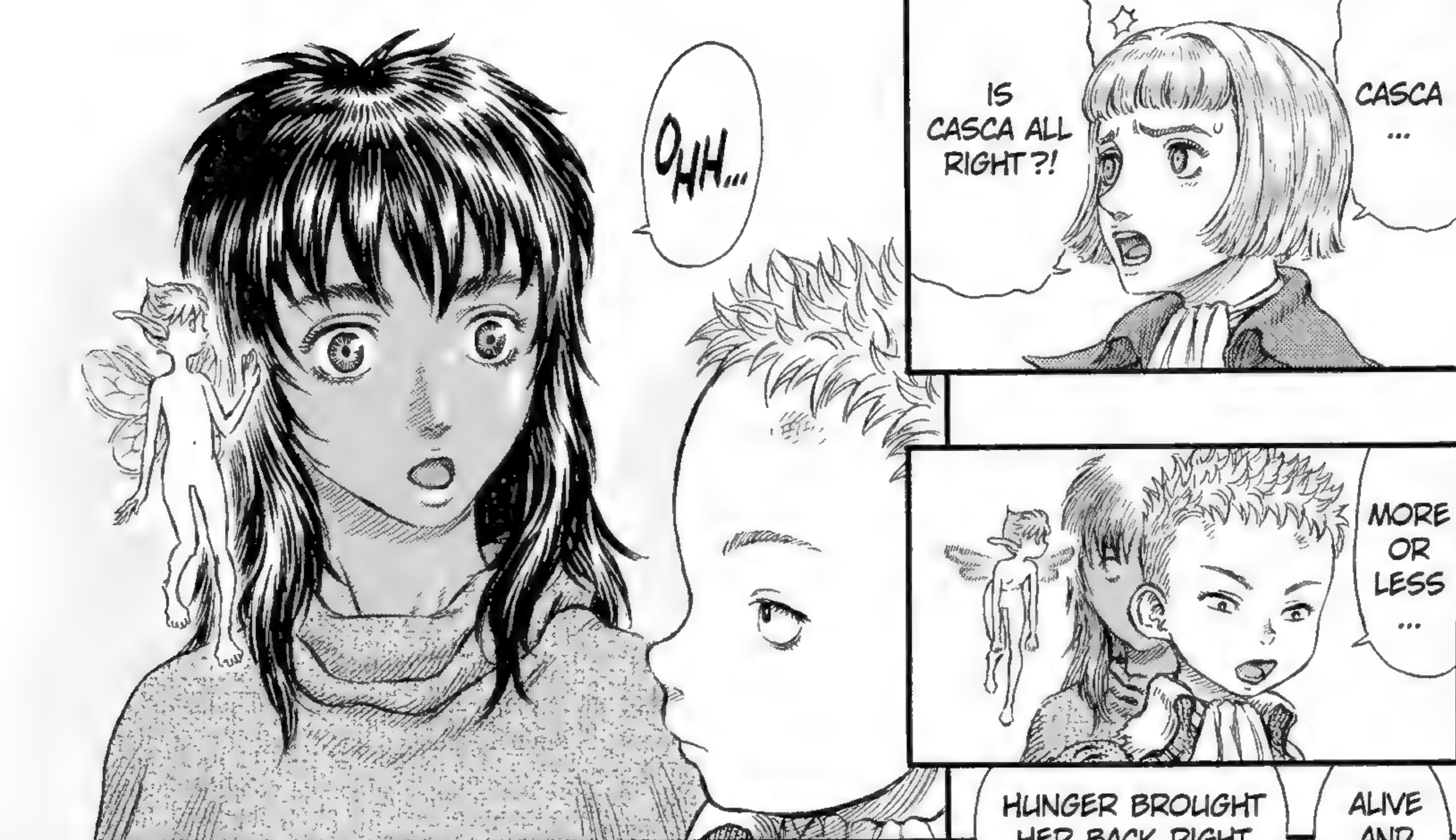
I CAN
NO LONGER
MOVE.

DARKNESS
THAT BEARS
DOWN.

IT'S
LIKE I'VE
FALLEN INTO
A DEEP,
DEEP
ABYSS...

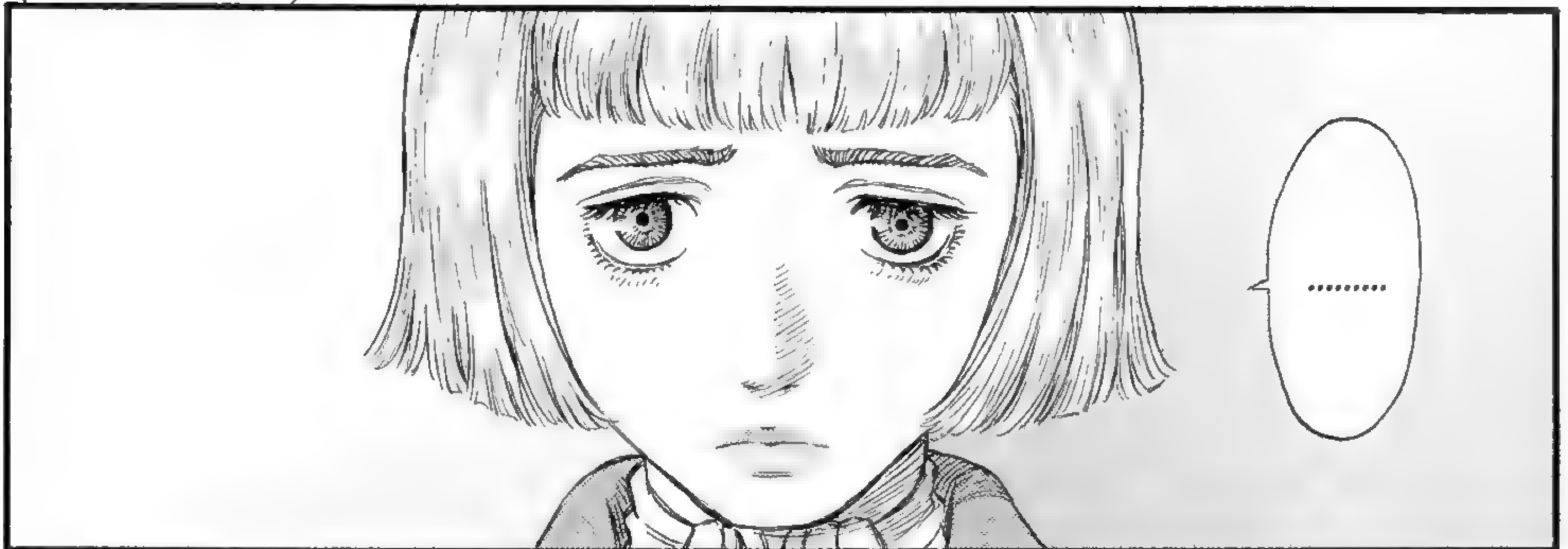
COWER
AND BE
SMALL...





*FX: FWAHH

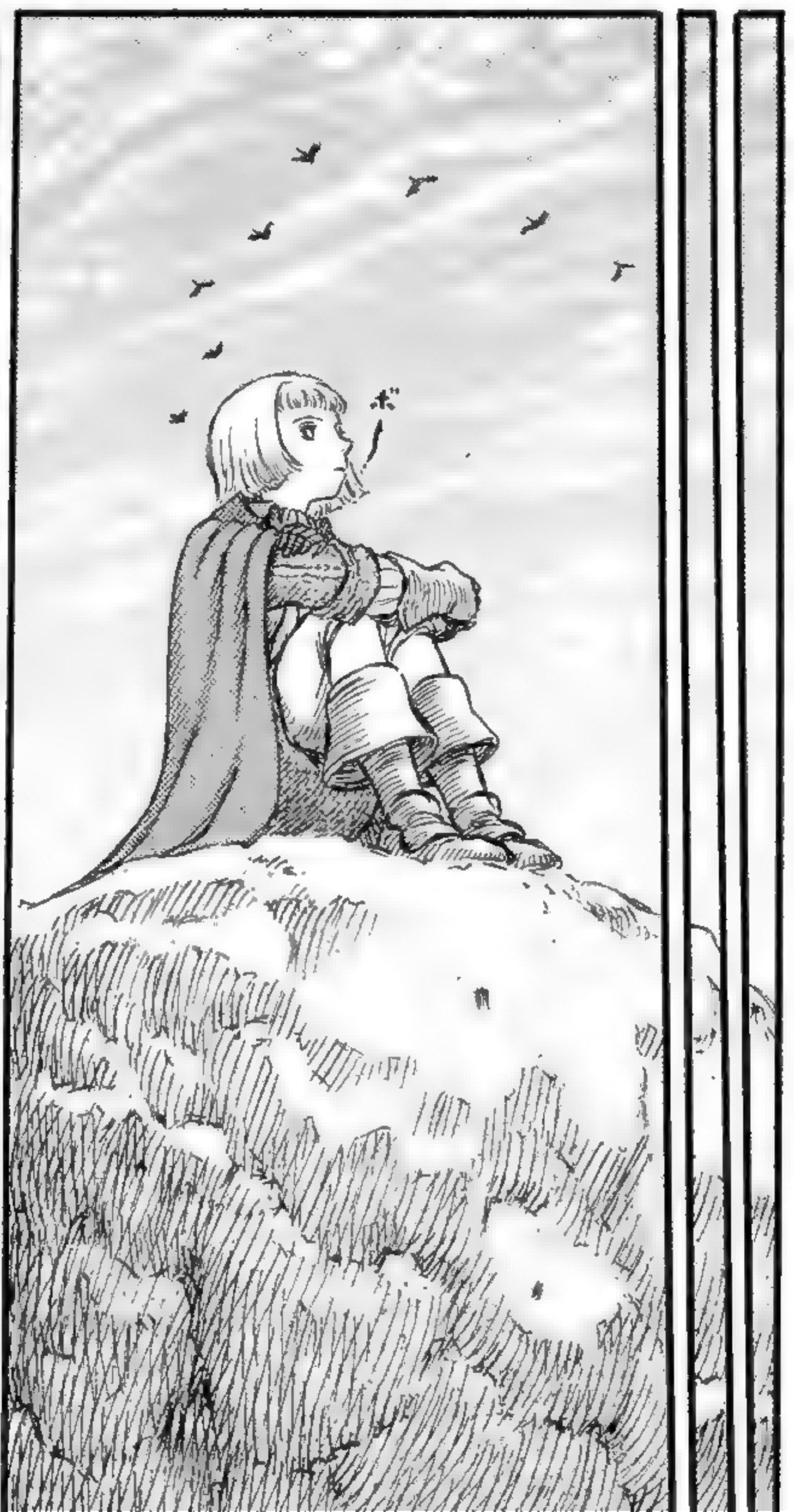


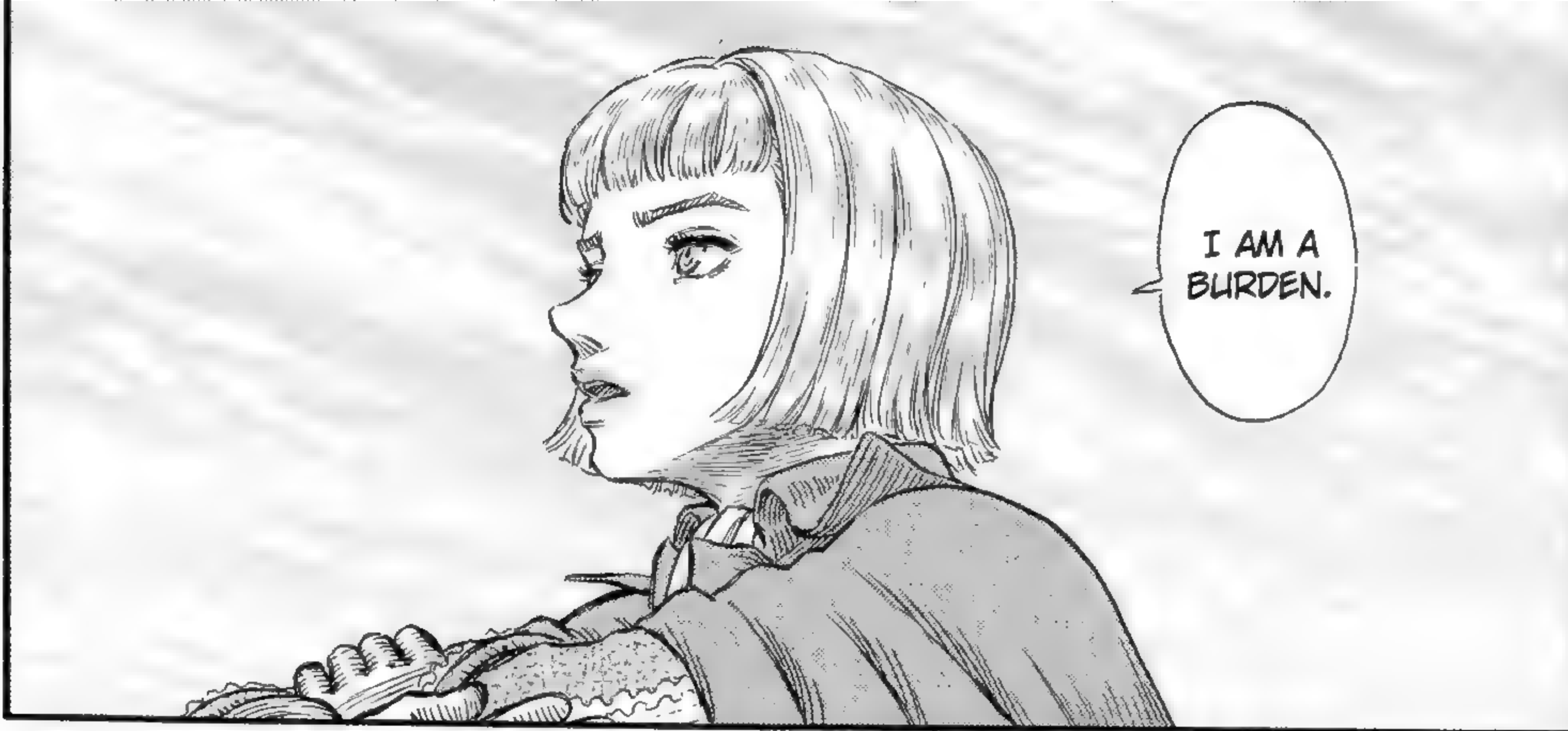


*FX: ZONE



*FX: BESH BESH

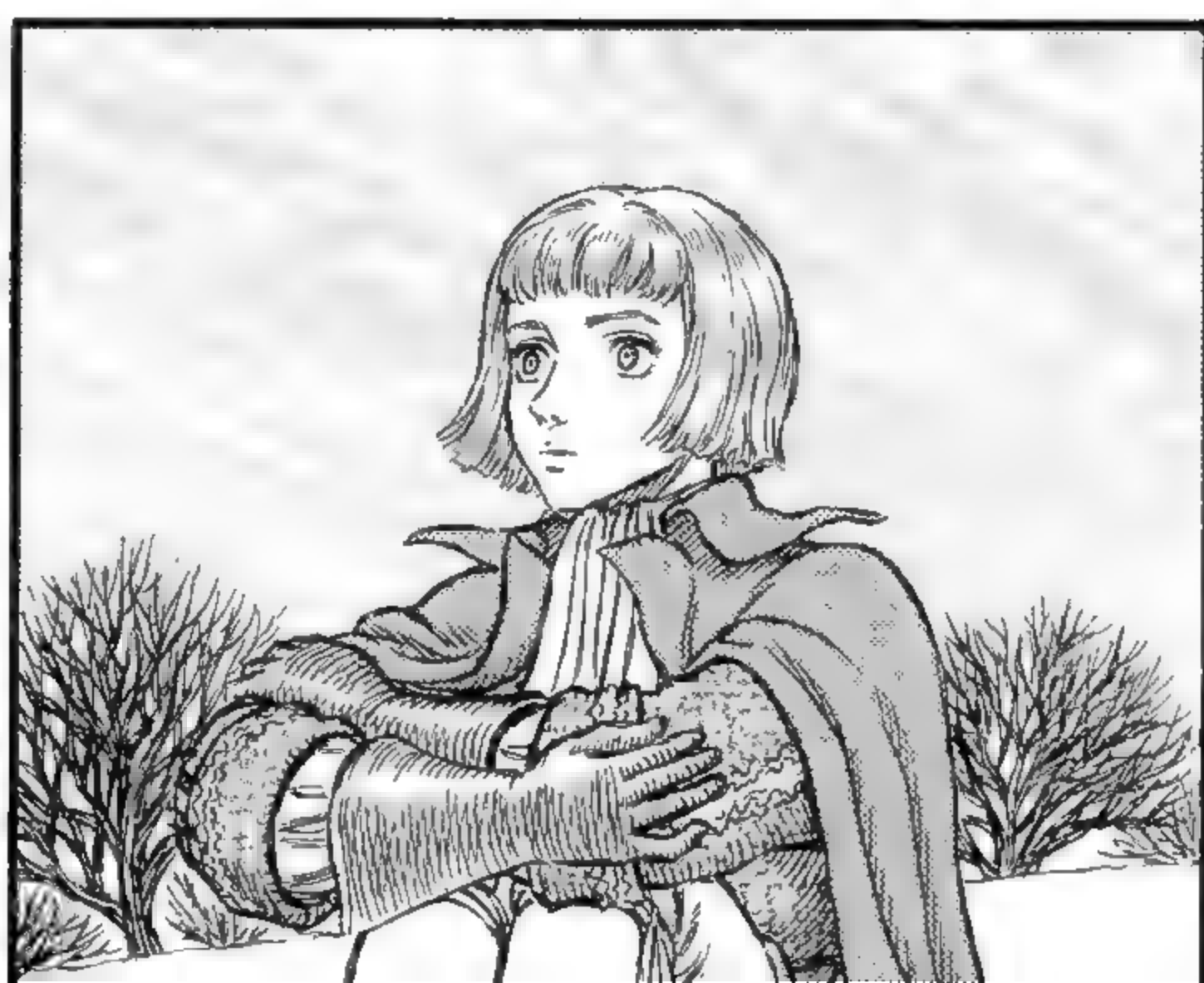
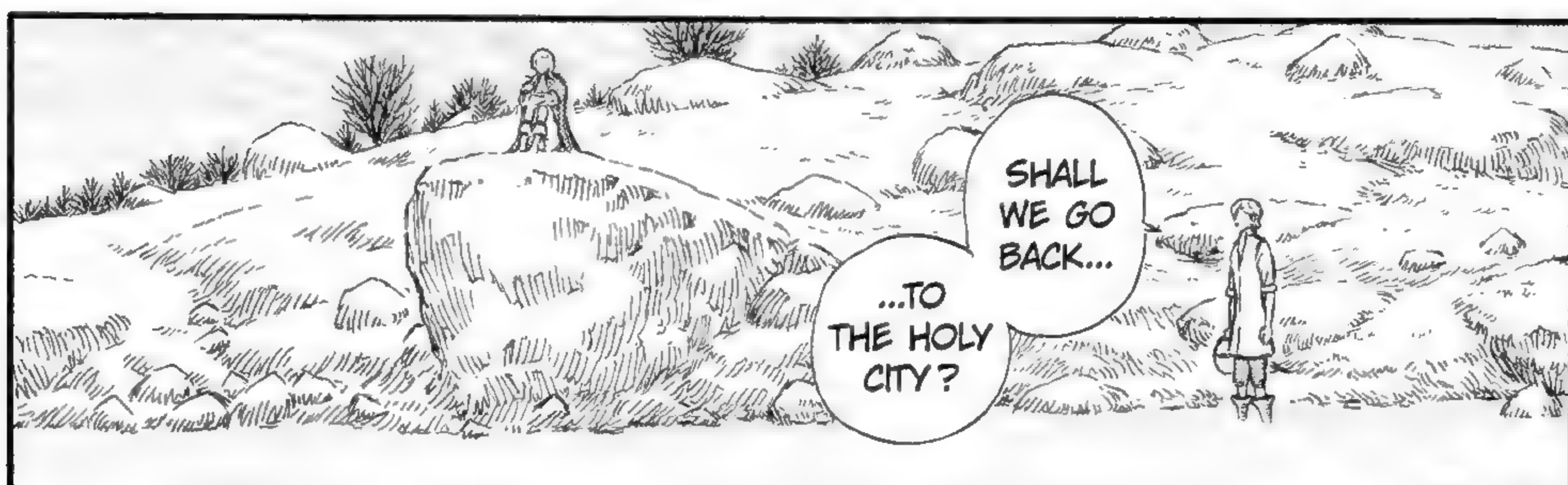


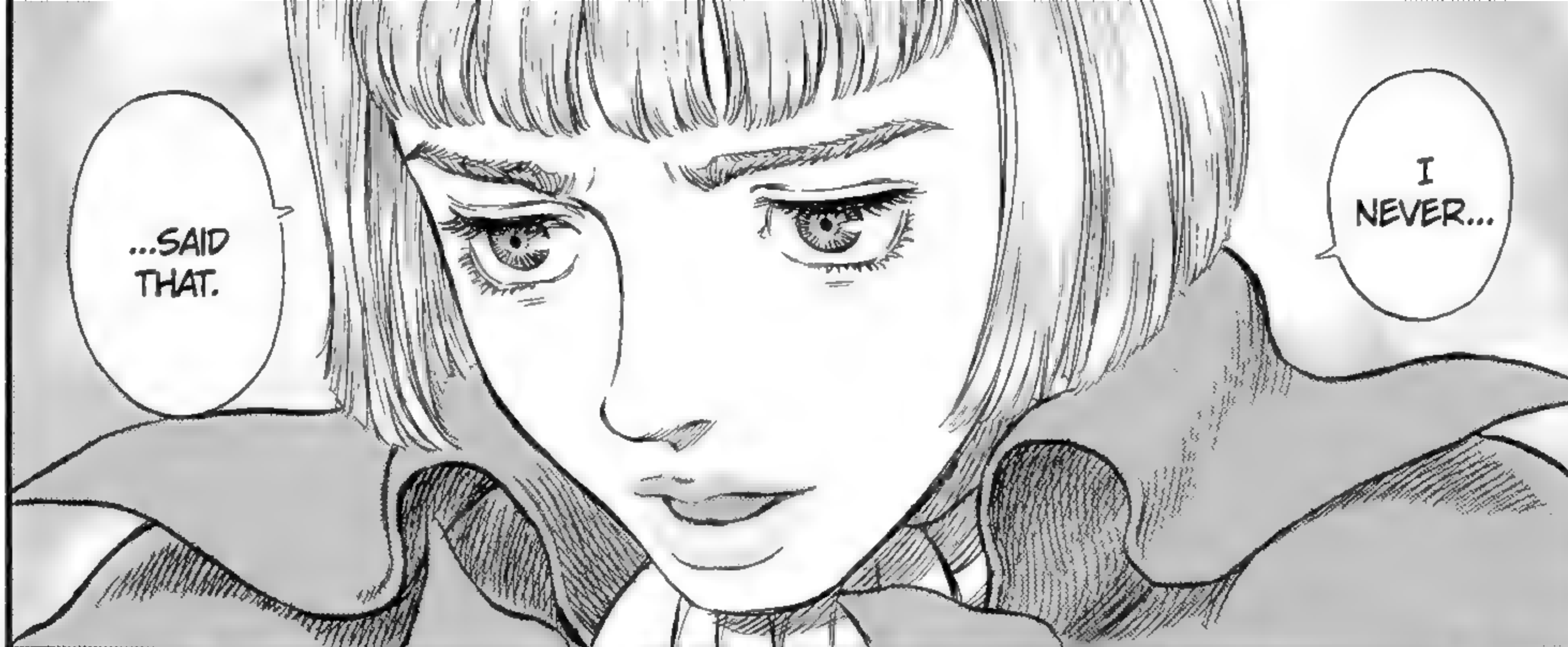


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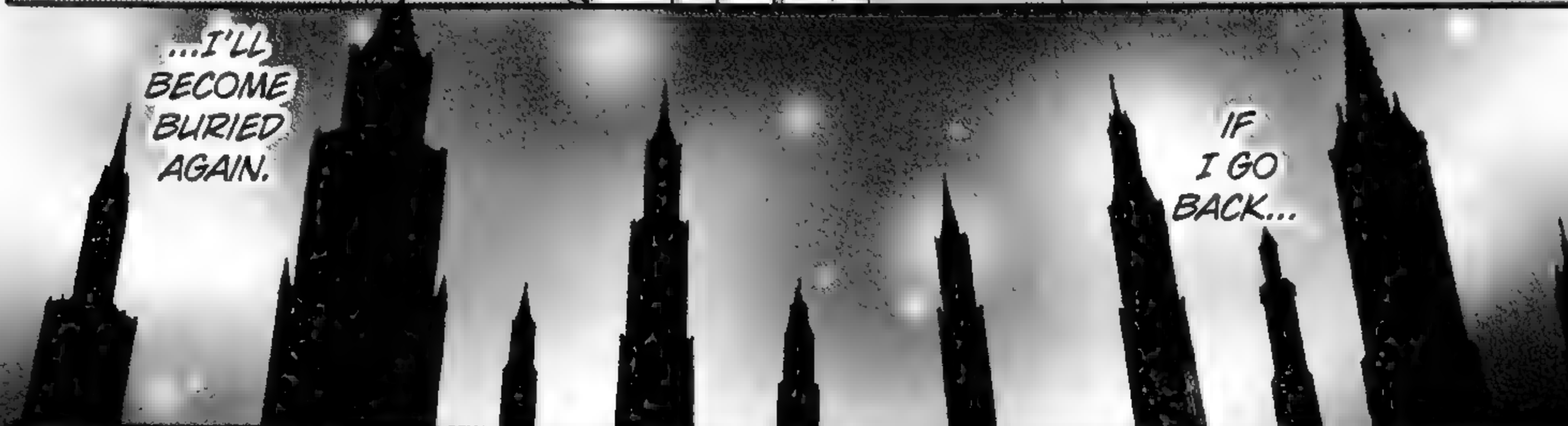
*FX: PLASSH





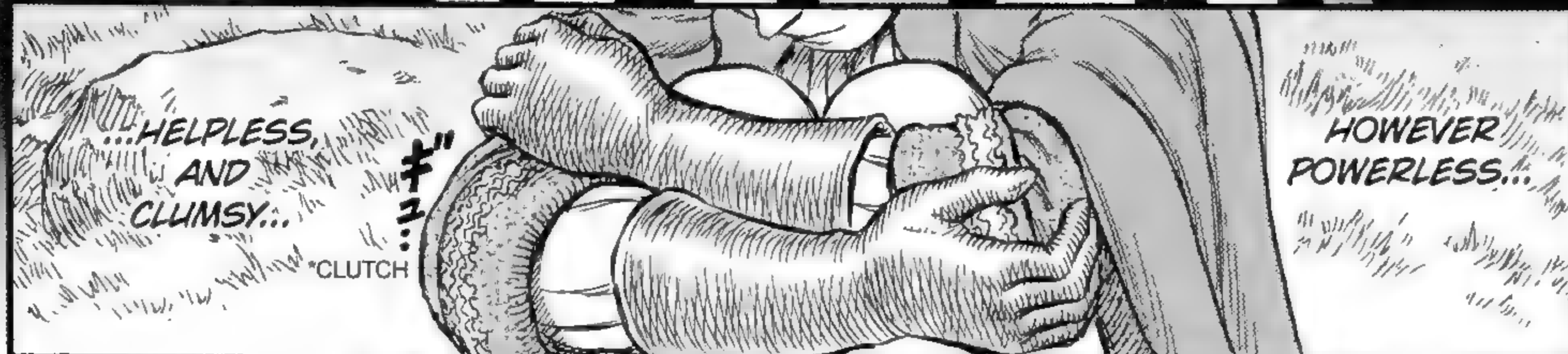
...SAID
THAT.

I
NEVER...



...I'LL
BECOME
BURIED
AGAIN.

IF
I GO
BACK...



...HELPLESS,
AND
CLUMSY...

*CLUTCH

HOWEVER
POWERLESS...



.....



...I'M
DISCOVERING
MYSELF.

...FOR
THE FIRST
TIME...

EVEN IF THE
ALLIED FORCES
DRIVE OUT
THE KUSHAN,
THE TERRITORY'LL
BE CARVED UP
REAL GOOD.

WITH THE
KING DEAD
AND HIS ONLY
CHILD, THE
PRINCESS, MISSIN',
MIDLAND HAS NO
REAL RULER.

MIDLAND
...?

DISAP-
PEAR...

IF IT
GOES BADLY,
THE KINGDOM
ITSELF'LL
DISAPPEAR.
ANYHOW,
IT'S NO
CONCERN OF
SHEPHERDS
LIKE US.

WHAT
A PITY.

ARE YOU
A MID-
LANDER,
SON?

NO...

...A
LONG
TIME
AGO.

I JUST TOOK
ADVANTAGE
OF THEIR
HOSPITALITY
SOME...

.....



'SPECIALLY
'ROUND
THE
MOUNTAIN
PASS.

IF
YOU'RE
GOIN'
THAT WAY,
WATCH
OUT.

*FX: BAAA BAAA

*FX: BAAA BAAA



BUT
IT AIN'T
HUMANS
UP
THERE.

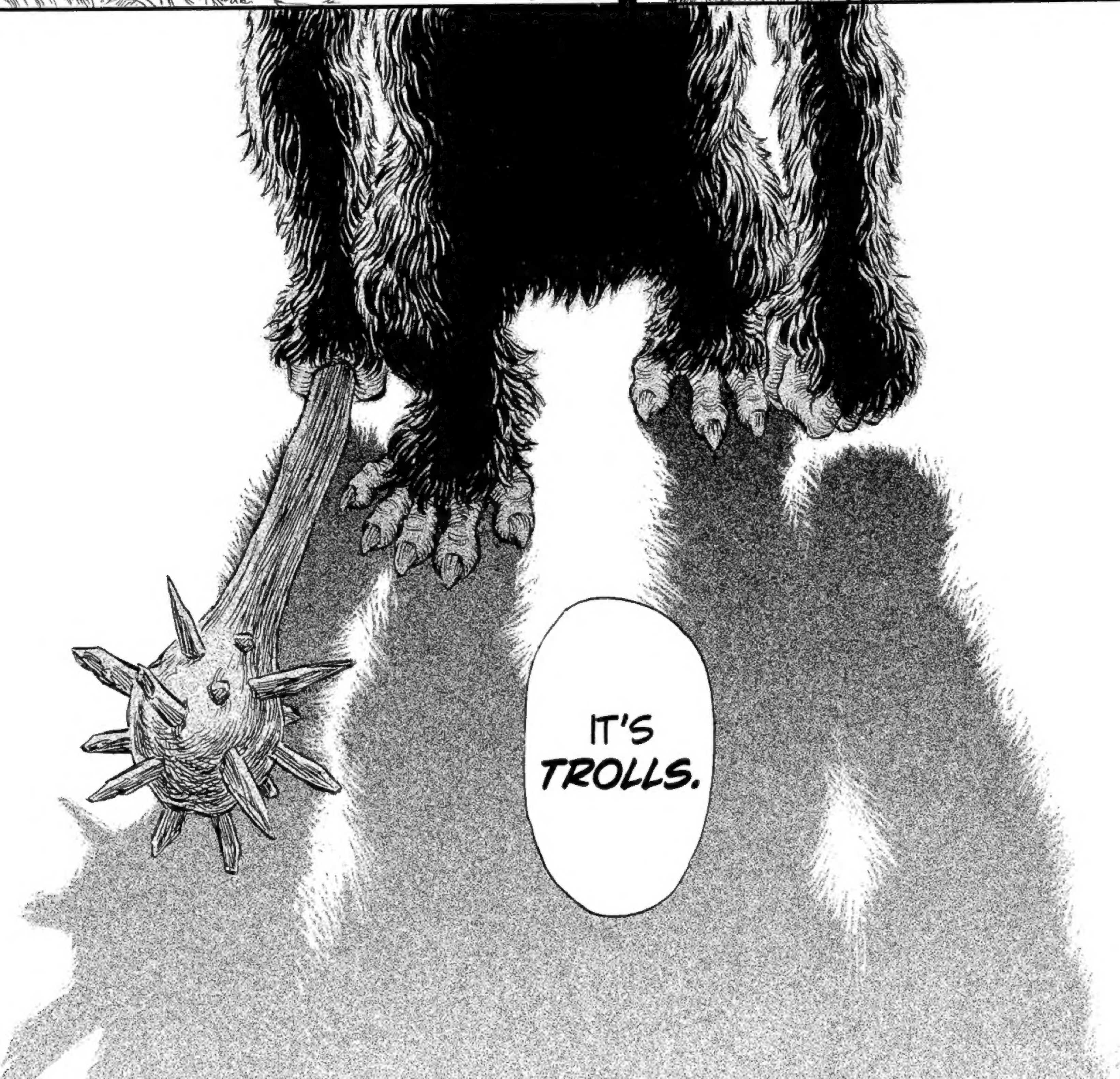
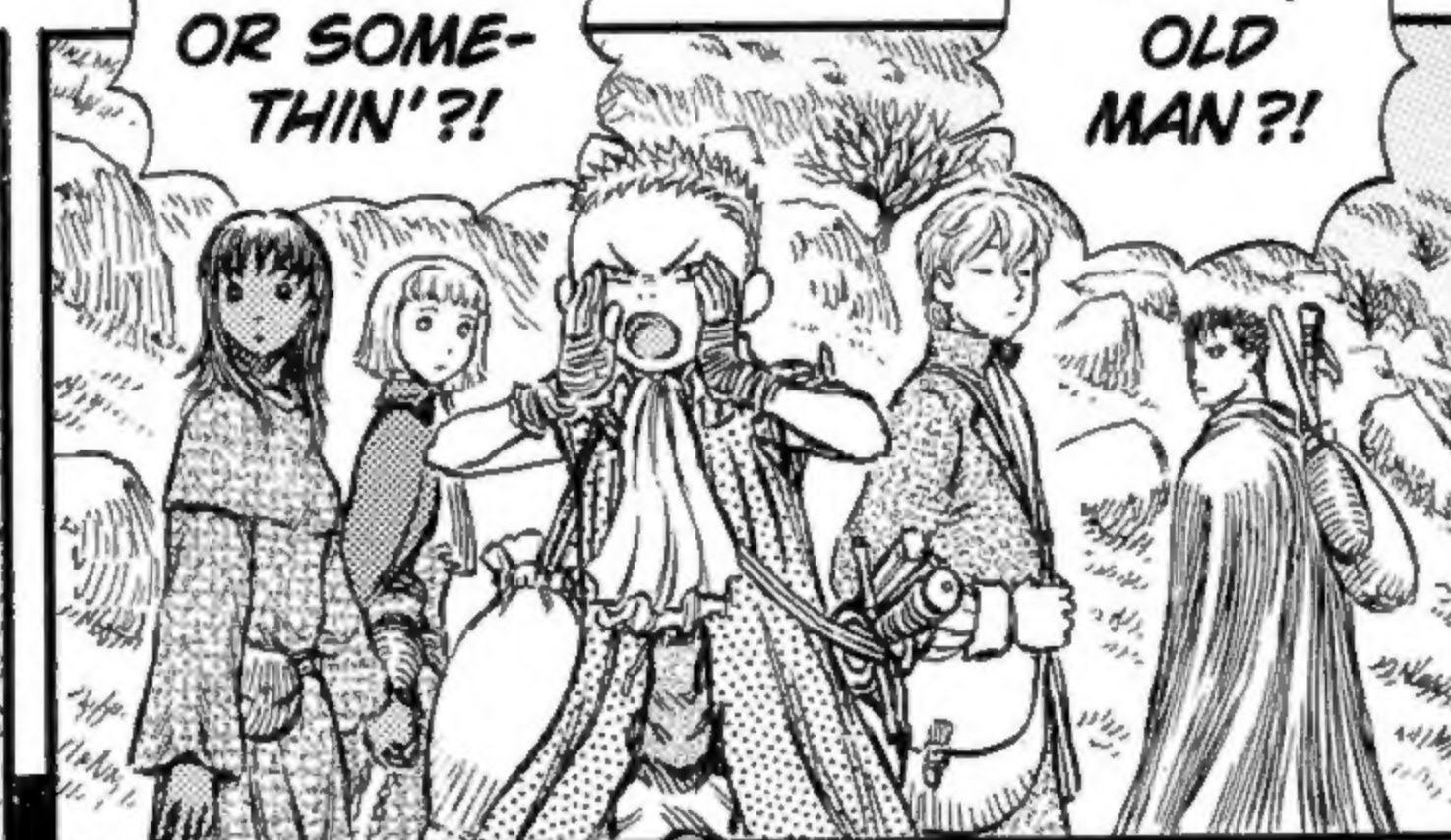
BETTER
IF IT
WERE.



AHH!
OH,
YEAH...
I FOR-
GOT.

BANDITS
OR SOME-
THIN'?!
WHAT,
OLD
MAN?!

WHAT,
OLD
MAN?!

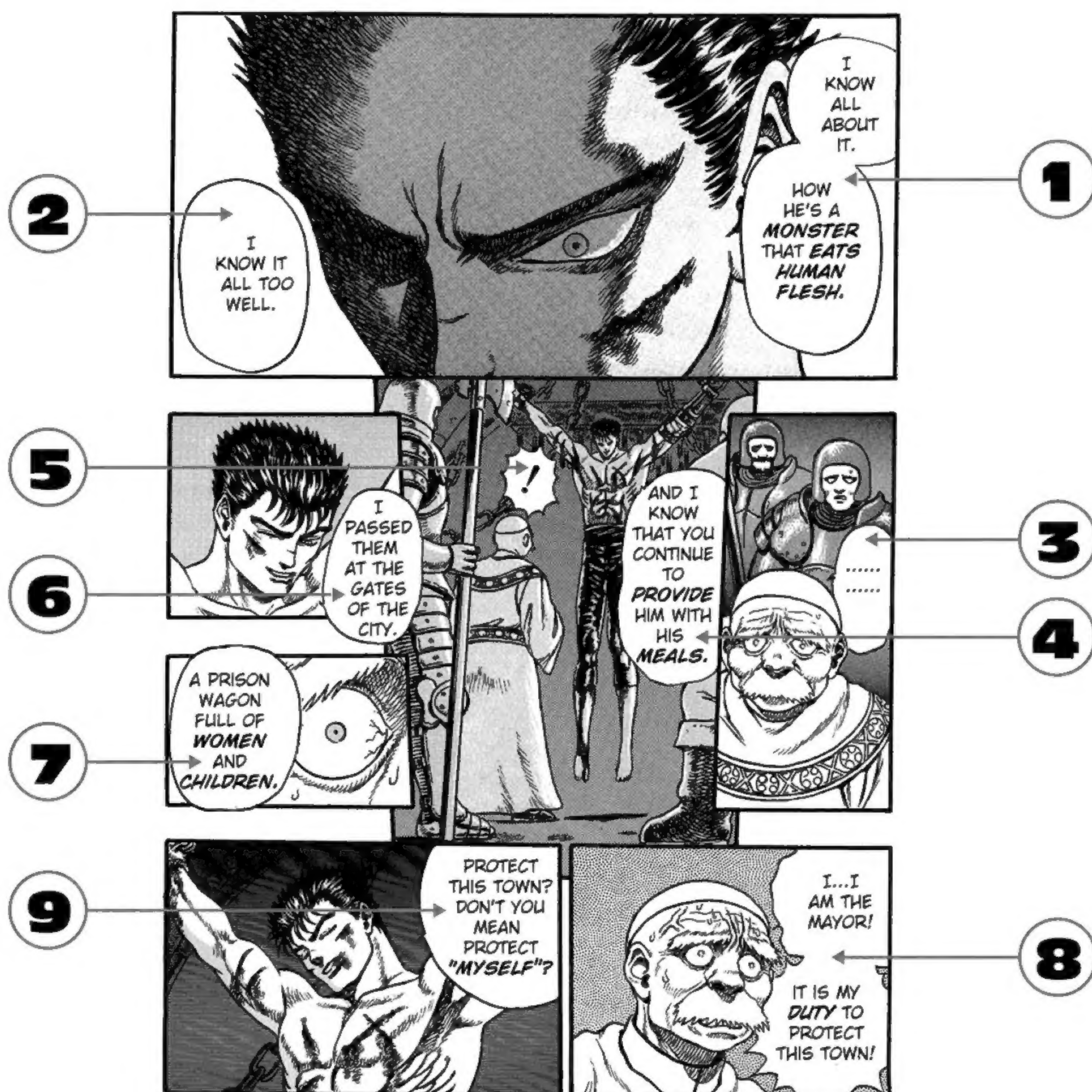


IT'S
TROLLS.

! STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
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Desperate as Guts, the Black Swordsman, has been to reunite with his former captain and lover, the now-mad Casca, he's quickly learning that being together is as dangerous as being apart. What should be a simple journey to the safety of Puck's homeland proves to be a gauntlet of perils, as the Mark of Sacrifice each bears brings the fury of Hell down upon them, and Guts discovers that in his darkest moments he himself is the greatest danger to the woman he loves.

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a fiery manga apocalypse, an ominous omnibus of furious action, fearsome horror, and funereal humor that strikes a power chord in the hearts of its devoted followers and strikes down the rest like a scythe through wheat. Bring in the sheaves!

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